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Acknowledgment

I apologize in advance for any inaccuracies. It is almost impossible to put a book like this together without some errors. I have not left anyone out, nor listed anyone incorrectly intentionally. If you're a part of this family, but are not mentioned, it is probably because I was unsuccessful in tracking your branch of the tree.

I have enjoyed stepping back through time as I put this book together and I hope you will enjoy it too. May God bless each of you as we page through our lives together.

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Dedication

To my husband and children, who brought so much joy to my life and were so patient with me while I spent hours doing family research and to my Mama and Daddy without whom I would not be here.

KEY or HELP INFO

m. = married; b. = born; d. = died; s/o = son of; d/o = daughter of; ca = circa; bef = before; aft = after

All females are indexed under their maiden names, for simplicity in indexing, unless the maiden name was unknown, in which case you will find them under their married names. There are a few exceptions.

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1. Stanley Clifton¹ Tatum, born 14 Mar 1914 in Valley Hill, Washington Co., Kentucky, USA; christened abt 1992 in Hendersonville, Sumner Co., Tennessee, USA; died 22 Dec 1995 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 24 Dec 1995 in Bardstown City Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Howard Harrison Tatum and Lee Ila (Shirley) Tatum. He married on 15 Feb 1942 in St. Joseph Church Rectory, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Alice Marie (Downs) Tatum**, born 16 Oct 1917 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 26 Jan 1918 in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 7 Mar 2009 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 9 Mar 2009 in Bardstown City Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, daughter of Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs and Laura Ellen (Powers) Downs.

Children of Stanley Clifton Tatum and Alice Marie Downs were as follows:

- + **11 Patricia Anne² Tatum**, born 31 Dec 1942 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jan 1943 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married (1) **Sam Jerry Culver**; (2) **John Welch Sproul Jr.**; (3) **Daniel Floyd Spelbring**.
- 12 Carol Laverne² Tatum**, born 19 Jul 1944 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jul 1944 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married on 15 Jun 1968 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Kenneth Adrian Brey**, born 3 Mar 1946 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of John Green Crepps Wickliffe Beckham Brey and Prudencia Josephine (Nalley) Brey.
- + **13 Irma Lois² Tatum**, born 29 Dec 1946 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 1947 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 28 Mar 2014 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 31 Mar 2014 in Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married **William Carl Brown**.
- + **14 Clifton Wayne² Tatum**, born 7 Aug 1950 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Aug 1950 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married (1) **Janice Faye (Cecil) Tatum**; (2) **Diane Olga (Pierce) Tatum**; (3) **Rita Sue (Toohey) Tatum**.
- + **15 Ellen Marie² Tatum**, born 7 Jan 1953 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jan 1953 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married **William Keith Smith**.
- + **16 Betty Ann² Tatum**, born 30 Nov 1954 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Dec 1954 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married **Joseph Timothy Gribbins**.

Our home in Samuels, Nelson Co., Ky. was a busy place as long as I can remember. People were in and out almost daily. Sometimes it was someone wanting to order a new pair of shoes. Maybe it was a neighbor needing gasoline. Perhaps it was someone wanting to trade a musical instrument or learn how to play a guitar. Daddy was happy to accommodate.

Daddy was Stanley Clifton Tatum and he had his hands full. He was a very, very hard worker. He was employed at the T. W. Samuels Distillery and he did what he could on the side to bring in additional income. That was often as a musician, a Knapp shoe salesman, a trader/wheeler/dealer, or pumping gasoline for a neighbor. He sold gasoline for the Shell Oil Company. We grew a large garden of fruits

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and vegetables, which we worked in almost nightly during the spring thru fall. He was a father of six. We lived across the road from St. Gregory Catholic Church Cemetery in the old Samuels Public Schoolhouse. Daddy could squeeze a penny with the best of them. I would find out that was due to nearly starving to death when he was in his teens. He loved getting a bargain and the trades with friends, neighbors and acquaintances could go on for what seemed like hours.

Daddy's father, Howard Harrison Tatum (1868-1928), had 11 children. He first married, Mary Jane "Mollie" Lair (ca 1865-1897) on 16 Mar 1892. Mollie was the daughter of John M. Lair (1833-1906) and Mary Frances Tatum (1846-1934). Mary Frances and Howard were first cousins once removed. Mollie died of T.B. (tuberculosis) in ca 1897; first 3 sons with her. Howard married second, Lee Ila Shirley (1869-1924) on 12 Oct 1899. Ila also died of T.B. She was the daughter of Captain John William "J.W." Shirley and Mildred Ann "Millie" Royalty. Howard and Ila had 8 children. All 11 children follow:

1. Robert Opal "Bob" Tatum (1892-1957), m. and div. Maria Ethel "Maymie" Mann (1894-1975), 4 issue:
 - A. male infant Tatum (1915-1915), probably stillborn
 - B. Eva Opal Tatum (1919-1982), m. Thomas Russell Haydon (1915-1977), had 10 issue.
 - C. Mary Tatum (1920-1920), no further info.
 - D. Lily Marian Tatum (1924-1969), m. Benjamin Franklin Skimmerhorn (1917-1980), had 3 issue.
2. Vivian Carsdale Tatum (1895-1984), m. Lottie Mattingly (1895-1985), had 4 issue:
 - A. Juanita Tatum (1918-2013), m. William M. Taylor (1916-1970), had 2 issue.
 - B. Daphne Rubel Tatum (1919-2010), m. Ennis Butler Shewmaker (1918-1994), had 4 issue.
 - C. Norma Marilyn Tatum (1924-2014), m. James Albert "Jimmy" Walker (1917-2004), had 2 issue.
 - D. Thomas Carsdale Tatum (1926-2001), m. Ethel Gay Rawlings (1932-2017), had 6 issue.
3. Arthur Bradley Tatum (1896-1983), never married, served in the military, no issue.
4. Annie Mae Tatum (1900-1997) m. Josh "Doc" Head (1899-1975), had 1 adopted issue:
 - A. Margaret Laverne Head (1931-2008), m. Robert Louis "Bobby" Janes Sr. (1930-2006), had 3 issue.
5. William Goddard Tatum (1901-1978), m. Hazel Margaret Dolfinger (1911-1999), no issue.
6. Hubert Lee Tatum Sr. (twin) (1903-1987), m. and div. Ruth Henrietta Wolf (1916-2009), had 2 issue:
 - A. Hubert Lee "Goose" Tatum Jr. (1935-), m. Mary Phillis Miller (1936-2002), had 3 issue.
 - B. Ila Mae Tatum (1938-2018), m. Kenneth Browning Miller (1935-2010), no issue.
7. Herbert Harrison Tatum (twin) (1903-1929), single, age 25, died from a kidney ailment, no issue.
8. Shirley Clifton Tatum (1906-1910), age 4, died from scarlet fever.
9. Bessie Katherine Tatum (1909-1992), m. Jesse Garrett (1911-1971), had 10 issue:
 - A. Norma Jean Garrett (1933-) m. 1 and div. William Harry Myers (1922-1979), m. 2 William Harry Carter (1929-1972), had 4 issue; m. 3 Morris Andrew Carter (1933-1997).
 - B. Edgar Donald Garrett (1935-2001), m. Charlotte Anne James (1936-2004), had 6 issue.
 - C. Anna Dell Garrett (1938-1996), m. William Edward "Bill" Kute Sr. (1934-1998), had 5 issue.
 - D. Phyllis Elaine Garrett (1939-2013), m. 1 and div. Peter Abernathy (1936-1985), had 1 issue; unmarried had 1 issue; m. 2 and div. William Emerson (1936-2009), had 2 issue; m. 3 Raymond Paul "Butch" Bronger (1941- 1966), had 2 issue; m. 4 Larry Dale "Red Dog" Sherrard (1936-2002), had 1 issue.
 - E. Levada Joy Garrett (1941-2012), m. 1 and div. Gurvis Lee Logsdon (1931-1994), m. 2 Duane Arnold Madsen (1933-2019), had 5 issue.
 - F. Walter Scott Garrett (1943-1998), m. Elizabeth Mae Montgomery (1946-2020), had 3 issue.
 - G. Wilbert Ray Garrett (twin) (1945-1973), m. Janet Ann Kirby, no issue.
 - H. Wilma Fay Garrett (twin) (1945-1989), m. Joseph Colbert Smith Jr. (1940-2006), no issue.
 - I. Carolyn Garrett (twin) (1948-2011), m. 1 and div. Ronald Lee Atkins (1941-2000), had 3 issue; m. 2 Dennis Arnold.
 - J. Calvin Garrett (twin) (1948-), m. 1 and div. Judy Fern Tucker (1951-1995), had 2 issue; m. 2 Marcia M. McKinney (1961-).
10. Female Infant Tatum (1911-1911), died at birth, had beautiful dark hair.
11. Stanley Clifton Tatum (1914-1995), m. Alice Marie Downs (1917-2009), 6 issue defined on page 5.

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Daddy's grandfather, Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum (1848-1912) lived in Valley Hill, Washington Co., Kentucky.

Photos: Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum and his 1st wife George Ann Brown.

He had 3 wives and 6 children. He was the son of Samuel A. Tatum (1897-1887) and Lucinda Tatum (1810-1883) who was Tatum by birth. Tom married first, George Ann Brown (ca 1851-ca 1880) on 24 Sep 1867. George Ann was the daughter



of Thomas J. Brown (ca 1827-ca 1890) and Nancy J. Noe (ca 1828-ca 1880). Tom had 5 children with her. She died when her son, Howard Tatum was age 12. Tom married second, Maggie Alice Brown (ca 1861-ca Mar 1883). Maggie was a younger sister of George Ann Brown. Tom had 1 child with Maggie. Maggie died when her only child was 3 weeks old. Tom married third, Savilla Jane "Janie" Haydon (1853-1913), no issue. She was the daughter of James Thomas Hayden (1826-1907) and Anna Elizabeth Goatley (ca 1830-1876). Janie raised the younger children. All 6 children follow:

1. Howard Harrison Tatum (1868-1928), his spouses and issue are defined on page 6.
2. Nancy Lucinda "Nannie" Tatum (1870-1958), her spouses and issue are defined on page 85.
3. Thomas Clifton "Cliff" Tatum (1872-1958), his spouse and issue are defined on page 86.
4. Samuel Tildon Tatum (1876-1953), his spouse and issue are defined on page 86.
5. James Camillis "Millis" Tatum (1880-1907), his spouse and issue are defined on page 87.
6. Effie Jane Tatum (1883-1953), her spouse and issue are defined on page 88.

Daddy's great grandfather, Samuel A. "Sam" Tatum (1807-1887) was the son of John Tatum (1775-aft. 1878) and Mary Montgomery (1785-). He married 30 Sep 1830 in Garrard Co., Kentucky, Lucinda Tatum (1810-1883), daughter of Nicholas Seawood Tatum (1786-1854) and Hester Ann Reynolds (1785-1863). From census records, I found Sam resided in 1830-1850 Garrard Co., Kentucky, 1860 Cornishville, Mercer Co., Kentucky, and in 1870 Mackville, Washington Co., Kentucky. Some believe Sam's middle name was Abner. In 1850 Sam's occupation was stone mason, by 1860 and 1870 it was farmer. They had 8 issue as follows:

1. Mary Jane "Molly" Tatum (1831-1922), m. 1. Harrison Colvin, m. 2. John C. Baker, had no issue
2. James Wesley Tatum (1834-1885), m. 1. Susan Bowen, had 1 issue; m. 2. Rolinda Pinkston, had 6 issue:
 - A. Amanda Ellen "Mandy" Tatum (1865-1912), m. Malen Lowery, had 1 issue, Iva Celeste Lowery.
 - B. James Samuel Tatum (1874-), nothing further is known.
 - C. Lafayette "Lafe" Tatum (ca 1876-), nothing further is known.
 - D. Robert "Bob" Tatum (ca 1878-), nothing further is known.
 - E. Laura B. "Artie M." Tatum (1880-1915), m. 1 Goodlett, had 1 issue; m. 2. Oscar Lee Harris.

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- F. Henry Tatum (ca 1881-), m. unk in ca 1905, from 1910 census Jefferson Co., Ky.
G. Frank Tatum (ca 1885-), m. unk. in ca 1907, from 1910 census Jefferson Co., Ky.
3. Hester Ann Tatum (1835-aft 1880), m. David Daniel Darland (1838-aft 1880), had 8 issue:
A. Lucinda Jane Darland (1858-1912), m. Hartford Frank "Dock" Parrott (1854-1932).
B. Samuel Garrett "Sam" Darland (1860-1946), m. 1 Nancy C. Votaw and had 2 issue; m. 2 Delilah Minor, had 8 issue.
C. Sarah Ann Darland (1864-1946), m. Hartford Frank "Dock" Parrott (1854-1932).
D. John T. Darland (1865-1913), m. Anna Frances Minor (1871-1955), had four issue.
E. Josephine C. Darland (ca 1868-)
F. Nancy Susan Hester "Nannie" Darland (1870-1942), m. William W. Minor (ca 1867-).
G. James William Lambert Darling (1874-1945), m. Nannie Hardin Watts (1888-1907), had 1 issue; m. 2 Rosa Ellen Royalty (1881-1966), had 8 issue.
H. David Moses Darland (1876-1935), m. 1 Arephthia Votaw (-1918), m. 2 Laura Ann Toms.
4. William Blythe Tatum (1838-1896), m. Parmelia Ann Lay (1841-1913), had 3 issue:
A. Samuel Johnson Tatum (1860-1938), m. Louisa A. "Lutie" Kennett, had 9 issue
1. William Virgil Tatum (1881-1962), m. Lula Victoria Isaacs, had 5 issue, William Guy, Mable Marie, Melvin Johnson, Virgil Ray and Gilbert Isaacs Tatum.
2. Hope Johnson Tatum (1883-1948), m. Flora Bell Stayton (1884-1955), had 4 issue, Ruby S., Earl Johnson, Clelon Bell and Beatrice Tatum.
3. Moses Howard Tatum (1886-1969), m. Minnie H. Isaacs (1893-1970), had 5 issue, infant, Lucille, Carroll H., Mildred and Samuel Maurice Tatum.
4. George Edgar Tatum (1888-1969), m. Mary Cleaver Rexroat (1895-1990), had 10 issue, Arthur Chester, Edgar Ray, Claud Burch, Gerald K., Pauline, George G., Henry G., Emma Pearl, Sammy Johnson and William Frederick "Billy" Tatum.
5. Emma Pearl Tatum (1890-1930), m. Edgar Brown Hays Sr. (1893-1939), had 5 issue, Emma Irene, Melvin Brown, Walter Blythe, Hazel Bernice and Edgar Brown Hays Jr.
6. Claude Evans Tatum (1893-1973), m. Theora M. Wooley (1901-1988), had 1 issue, Claude Evans Tatum and adopted Hazel Bernice Hays.
7. Lettie Bell Tatum (1897-1916), m. Clarence R. Lanham (1891-1959), had 3 issue, Hazel M., Redford B., and Ruth Lanham.
8. Samuel Ray Tatum (1899-1978), m. Pernie Louise Vaughn (1898-1966), had 3 issue, Guilia L., Theora Imogene and Dreatha Ray Tatum.
9. Walter Blythe Tatum (1901-1973), m. Sara Kathryn Hundley (1905-1985), had 1 issue, Madeline Tatum.
B. Lettie Emma Tatum (1865-1902), m. William Walter Crews (1858-1942), had 8 issue:
1. Freddie Carter Crews (1883-1910)
2. Hattie Pearl Crews (1885-1953), m. Meritt Newcomb, had 1 issue, Gilbert Crews Newcomb.
3. Myrtle Ann Crews (1888-1975), m. Horace C. Gartin (1886-1967).
4. Viola May Crews (1890-1891)
5. Samuel Alexander Crews (1892-1919), was still single when he took his own life.
6. Lula Esther Crews (1896-1984), apparently never married.
7. Ruth Vivian Crews (1899-1994), m. Dewey Halleck Holder (1898-1976), had 2 issue.
8. Lettie Emma Crews (1902-), m. 1 Leonard Reynolds; m. 2 Wm. E. Patton; m. 3 Arthur Klumb.
C. William Edgar Tatum (1871-1886), died at age 15.
5. John Seawood Tatum (1840-1928), m. Martha Harmon (1842-1937), had 7 issue, defined pages 99-100.
6. Samuel A. Tatum (1844-1914), m. Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sallee (1847-1929), had 8 issue defined on pages 100 and 101.
7. Moses Howard Tatum (1846-1922) nothing further is known.
8. Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum (1848-1912), m. 1. George Ann Brown, had 5 issue; m. 2 Maggie Alice Brown, had 1 issue; m. 3. Savilla Jane "Janie" Haydon, had no issue. Tom's issue defined on page 7.

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Daddy Tells His Story

In his own words, Daddy said, "I was born out on the Bloomfield Road up on a little hill about 5, 4-5 miles from Springfield March 14, 1914 and we stayed there, I don't know just how long, anyway I remember moving to a place, I think they called it the Old Tatum Place."

Daddy continues, "Vivian my half-brother was living in the house at the time and we moved in with them. And I can just barely remember a little old thing or two about being there. And so then, in Feb 1918 we moved out here, about a mile and a half out the road here (pointing to the road in front of the house called Mobley Mill Road) on a 270 acre farm, an old rough farm called Beargrass Farm."

The road was at that time called Cane Run Road. Today in Dec 2020, it is known as Mobley Mill Road. They lived in an old log home Daddy described as a pretty desolate place with old plank fencing. Howard set about fixing up the old farm with a lot of new fencing etc. In the 1960's, I knew it as the Ulrich Farm.

Daddy said, "I'd of been 4 years old March 14, so I'll never forget, me and my Mama, and I think Bessie, I'm not sure about Bessie, we'd stopped off at Uncle Will's, up here at Nazareth, Uncle Will Shirley's, and so we come on down on the train I reckon. Clint Leach (ca 1904-1974) brought us out on a cart, like you hook a horse to a cart, you know, just two wheels and a cart like, room for 2 or 3 to sit on, I remember coming up to the old house, seeing that old log house out there and the plank fences around it, a pretty desolate looking place back there, and we lived there until my mother died in 1924, my daddy died in 1928."

When purchased the farm was a desolate place and so they got it for a song, as Daddy's oldest sister Annie put it. She said the price was \$1,400.00. She went on to say it was all grown up in bushes and Howard set to work and cleaned it all up and put in 200-300 rods of fence, built a meat house, a barn and a henhouse. Annie did not know who all the other partners were, but one sold out to the other four, and another one was Howard's brother Cliff Tatum. Annie said Howard called himself a jack-leg carpenter and she got her abilities to do whatever she set her mind to from him. The house wasn't too bad. It was a log home with three big rooms downstairs, two across the front and 1 large room that ran all the way across the back. There were also 2 rooms upstairs. Ila and Howard slept downstairs, in the room that ran all the way across the back of the house, in a corner that was sectioned off for that purpose and the boys slept upstairs. Annie also slept upstairs. One time Annie accidentally got locked upstairs all evening. Something about the handle on the door didn't work quite right. Her mother Ila was gone for the day, probably to Willisburg, which she did about once a year.

Photo: Daddy's mother Lee Ila Shirley Tatum holding Daddy's sister, Bessie Tatum on a visit to her parents in Willisburg, Ky. in ca 1910.



Ila never grew accustomed to life in Samuels and seldom went out, except for her once a year trips to Willisburg, her hometown. She missed her family and the Baptist Church in Willisburg, where she sometimes played the piano.

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In about 1920 Daddy started first grade in the Samuels Public Schoolhouse, District No. 28. It was a two-room schoolhouse. As an adult, he would purchase it and convert it to his home. The schoolhouse was built shortly after Apr 1878, which is the date the land was donated by Mr. John Shehan.

Daddy said there were two lady teachers, Georgia Willett and Elizabeth Vittitoe. The boys were getting out of hand so Mr. Martin came to teach. He really straightened those boys out. I found an article that gave his full name as Professor James W. Martin. Daddy remembered spelling "JAM" for one of his teachers. I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall that day. Daddy did not get to finish school.

In 1924 when Daddy was 10 years old, his mother Lee Ila Shirley Tatum, died of T.B. I asked Daddy if he remembered much about his mother being sick. He replied, " Yes, I remember lots about it. She died on June 19. Just 3 or 4 months before, a doctor said she would probably die about June 20th. She died about 11 o'clock at night on June 19. She was buried at Willisburg where all her people are buried."

I wondered if they were able to be around her since T.B. was so contagious. Daddy said, " Yea, we was at home, we stayed home, yea, but we never noticed any TB or anything. I think they used fumigating lanterns in the house after she died. I remember my Daddy took the old mattress she slept on and burned it up. Awful stink around there, I think old clothes smell bad when you burn them up. I don't know why he burned it that close to the house. I believe I would have taken it off down in the field somewhere and set it afire."

Goddard was told to go and call the doctor, but the doctor never got there. Ila was in her new bed and not feeling very well, but they didn't realize she was going to die that day. She started coughing real badly and then she hemorrhaged blood from her mouth. Howard tried to set her upright and grabbed some newspapers to catch the mess. But she slumped back and was dead. That was 19 Jul 1924 at about 11 p.m. Howard woke the kids up. He took off at a run and went up to Bob's who lived nearby in the old log house where Mr. Ulrich lives now, and got them all up and somebody went and called Mrs. Ora Manakee (ca 1880-1930), Jake Manakee's (1879-) wife. She came up there and washed her and laid her out. So the next day about 9 or 10 o'clock George Mann came down and embalmed her.

Daddy said, "Embalmed her right in the house and you know, kids, we left and went on up to Bob's, when she died, we left and went on up to Bob's and Maymie's, and I never slept any the rest of the night. I remember looking down, laying in the bed, looking down toward the old house you know. Pretty sad thing."

I can see the emotion in Daddy's face as he tells me this and my heart goes out to him. Daddy remembers seeing them pour his mother's bodily fluids at the base of a tree in their yard. That's nothing anyone should have to witness, much less a child.

Being ever so inquisitive, I ask Daddy if Howard took it very hard. Daddy said, "I don't know how hard my Daddy took it. He was very busy, you know, trying to call Willisburg and get a grave dug and making arrangements and everything. See, we didn't have no car. And she was going to be buried at Willisburg and Goddard he'd bought a, almost a new '20 model Ford Touring Car from Mr. Keene on Cox's Creek, about in the fall, course she died in the summer. So him and Herbert rode in that. Mr. Will Fields came out and Mr. Charlie Stinnet. Will Fields lived out at the Hardin Place, Charlie Stinnet lived down there, on the big place where a Mrs. a, I can't think of her name, Davis', where Mrs. Davis lived, they came out, Rellie¹ Sherman in an Old Model T Touring Car, Mr. (L. E.) Stull (1865-1961), he was (there), when my mother died and when my Daddy and Herbert, all, he went. I think Joe Hall went, Ollie Clemens (1894-1933), was a friend of my Daddy's and Rellie Sherman both, so we had a ride for all of us. And a, I remember I was awful lonesome and grieved pretty bad. I remember we rode in the car with Rellie Sherman, my Daddy. Rellie driving and my Daddy in the front seat, me and Bessie rode with them. And when we come back why, he turned us over to Mr. Stull's car. I'm not sure about Bessie though, how she come back. I think me and Bob came back in the back seat of Mr. Stull's Ford Touring Car. I remember getting out the old house there, awful lonesome. I don't know whether Bessie come back at the same time or not. Anyway, I walked out in the fields, practically there by myself you know, pretty, pretty lonesome."

¹ Rellie Sherman's first name was Aurelius and he was called Rellie for short.

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Photos: Right, Daddy age 10, and his sister, Bessie Tatum in Nov 1924 at play. He cried because Bessie wouldn't let him to the same thing to her. Below, Daddy age 12, holding his gun, and Bessie Tatum in Jul 1926.

Ila's obituary published in The Springfield Sun (Springfield, Kentucky), in Jun 1924 follows: In loving memory of Mrs. Lee Ila Shirley Tatum who passed from this life into the most glorious of a Christian's eternity at the family home near Samuels, Nelson county, on June 19th, at 1:00 o'clock a.m., at the age of 54 years, 11 months, 2 days.

She was the oldest child of Mr. J. W. Shirley, deceased and Mrs. Shirley, was born and reared in this county and spent most of the life here, having moved with her family to Nelson county about six years ago.

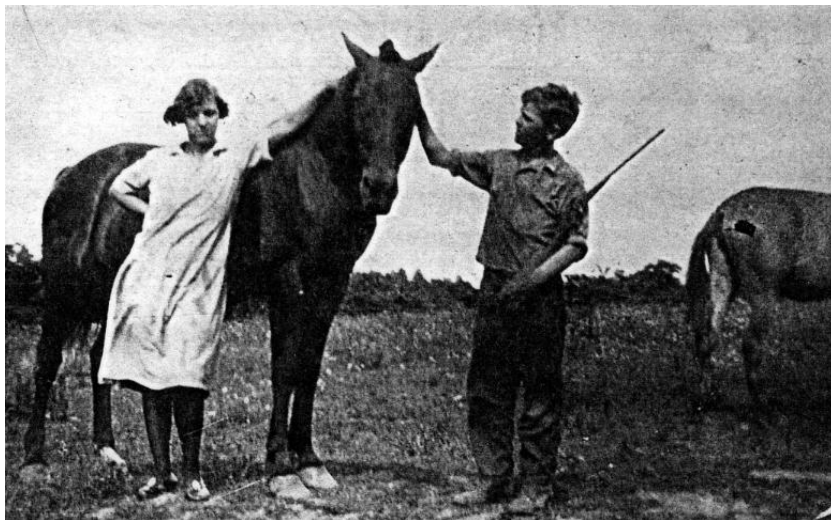
At the age of fourteen she professed faith in Christ and united with the Mt. Freedom Baptist church and during the years that have passed gave good evidence that she had been made a partaker of that blessed hope. She was married to H. H. Tatum about 24 years ago. To this union eight children were born, six of whom survive. Mrs. Annie Head, Springfield; Goddard, Herbert, Stanley and Bessie Tatum, Samuels, and



Hubert Tatum of Louisville.

An infant daughter and Shirley Clifton preceded her to the grave some years ago.

An aged mother of Willisburg, three sisters and two brothers survive, Mrs. E. J. Pinkston, Litsey; W. B. Shirley, Samuels; Nelson Shirley, Mrs. T. K. Kinsey, Indiana and Miss Blanche Shirley, Willisburg, this county. To these sorrowing relatives I would say, Weep not as those who have no hope but be comforted by her words. "I am not afraid to die, I



will go to rest". Think not that she is dead but just gone away to a happier home.

The body was brought to her mother's home in Willisburg, and funeral services at 2:30 in the afternoon from the Baptist church, Bro. Elmore Roy ... (It apparently continued on another page, but this is all Aunt Annie had of it that I could find).

Daddy would often tell us how beautiful his brothers Hubert, Vivian and Bradley sang together the beautiful hymns from that era. *The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago*, was Vivian's favorite. They would sing in the car all the way home from church. Bob, Vivian and Bradley would sing to entertain people at the store around the pot-belly stove. I wonder if that hymn was sung at his mother's funeral.

On 27 Jul 1928, Daddy lost his father Howard H. Tatum. Though it was not declared a murder the family is certain he was murdered. Howard was a farmer and a cattle dealer. On the weekends he would

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butcher a cow and travel the local neighborhoods selling the meat. At one time he was appointed to guard a Mr. Vittitoe for several days in order to keep the Vittitoe from getting locked up. Howard was to see to it that no one bothered the Vittitoe and vice versa, though that has nothing to do with the story of his death. Just an interesting side note as to the variety of jobs he did.

On about July 25, 1928 Howard left on a cattle dealing trip. Dealing in cattle was the main source of the family's income. Howard was known to drink in excess at times and sometimes stayed away for days at a time. Therefore when he didn't come home no one was immediately alarmed.

Speaking of his father, Daddy said, "I had took him to Samuels in a no-top buggy, a runabout, on a Wednesday morning (about) 8, 9, 10 o'clock, and Annie had sent a piece for a mowing machine to pick up another one in Louisville, back then you would get the store to do that, they'd run a truck to Louisville about every day, the country stores did a pretty good business back in them days. You didn't run to Bardstown for everything like you do and so that was on a Wednesday, so me and Bessie went to pick blackberries, back on the back of the place on Friday morning and Herbert he was going to try to put a tongue in mowing machine. The tongue had broke out, horse drawn mowing machine. So he come walking down the field about 10 o'clock and said they found, Mr. (L. E.) Stull had found our Daddy dead out there under the bridge and a, we had to quit picking blackberries then. We'd picked about a week before and canned most of them in the morning, gosh we picked 7 or 8 gallon. So he was busy working on putting the tongue in the mower, so me and Bessie just went and picked blackberries. Had a lot of them on the back of the place."

Mr. Shelburne Hahn (ca 1852-) was traveling the pike. As he attempted to cross Cane Run Creek his horse shied and would not cross the bridge. The horse had to be forced to cross. Annie and Josh were across from the home place farm, chopping tobacco. Their neighbor and very good friend, Mr. L. E. Stull was mowing his hay field above Cane Run Creek. His horse was pulling the mower when it shied at something. Mr. Stull's hired-hand Tom Fields, was walking in front of the mower to make sure the way was clear. The horse wouldn't go any further, so they went ahead to see why and found Howard dead. Mr. Stull went and told someone to call Mr. Mann, the undertaker, adding be sure and put that call through first because if they didn't they wouldn't be able to get the line again. George Sharp who was Mr. Stull's 5-year-old grandson, and some others, jumped into the back of a wagon and went down there and actually saw Howard. George told me that he could remember that as clear as a bell. That day when some of the family was in the house, Herbert thought he saw his Daddy walk across the window. He remarked to the others, Papa's home, but then he never came inside. In hindsight, the family believes that Herbert must have seen Howard's spirit pass the window.

Mr. Stull came to the house, or sent someone and told the children that Howard was dead under the bridge. Howard was less than a mile from home. Annie just wanted to run down there, but different ones wouldn't let her. They just insisted she not go, because the body was in a bad state. Two days lying out in the July heat had taken its effect. Decomposition was already underway. Howard's skull had been crushed. Even all these years later, Annie is very sad talking about it. She is sure he was murdered. She told me Howard was age 59 when he died. He would have turned 60 if he had lived to October of that year, being born Oct 1868. When found, Howard was believed to have been dead about 18 hours. He would have never harmed anyone and had no enemies. Howard always carried a small notebook in his front pocket and it was found in the back pocket. The community knew Howard liked to carry large sums of money on his person.

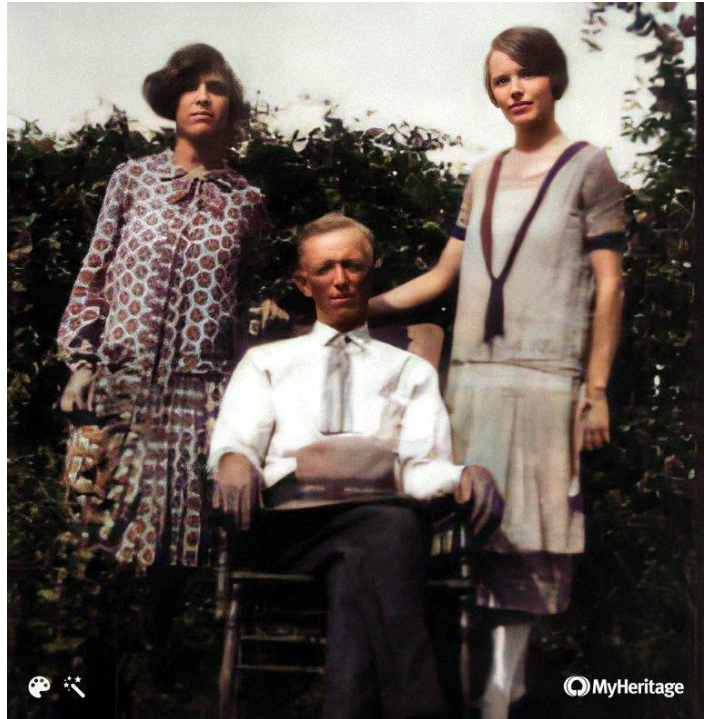
From the sale of a cow, it was expected he should have about \$90.00, but only loose change, 60 or 80 cents was found strewn about on a rock near him. It appeared that Howard had been posed by his murderer. He had a pint of whiskey in his hand and this was under the side of his head as though he were asleep. If Howard had fell that distance off the bridge, like it was claimed, with enough force to crush his skull, then it would most certainly have broken the whiskey bottle.

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Daddy said the whiskey bottle was placed there after Howard was killed by blunt force trauma to the head. There were people known to take advantage of Howard when he had been drinking. Some of the young boys had been caught going through his pockets. He fell asleep around the pot belly stove at the Samuels store and woke up to find them going through his pockets.

Although to the family, circumstances looked like he was murdered, it was ruled an accidental death by an on-site-inquest jury made up of neighbors and some officials from Bardstown. They determined that he fell to his death.

Photo: Daddy's sisters and father. From left, Bessie, Howard and Annie Tatum. Annie bought her dress and Bessie loved it so much that Annie made Bessie's dress patterned from her own.



There was talk in the community of who killed Howard. J. D. Farnsworth (1908-1990) whom Daddy had known since the age of 6 or 7 and been friends with for many of those years, waited for 40 years before telling Daddy that he was pretty sure he knew who killed his father and then he named the person. There is no proof though and so because of that, Daddy doesn't want it made public.

Daddy continues with his story, "Well, and then Herbert, he'd worked in Jefferson County and got a hold of about \$60.00, working down there for a fellow that Bob used to live on his farm, so then the tobacco was being raised there, so about 2 acres of tobacco, so Herbert got half that and what my Daddy usually got, Uncle Cliff owned 4/5 of the farm, but he didn't own nothing to farm with or anything like that, so he demanded half, you know, and of course Herbert, I think the 2 acres of tobacco brought about \$700.00 and Herbert got half of that, so he bid on a lot of stuff when they had my Daddy's sale, this time of the year (Sep) or a little later, and, so Bessie she was staying there and she stayed and finally went to Louisville along about spring and got her a job, just accidently got her a job, times were real hard and scarce. Mrs. ___ said they seen she was a country girl and probably worked hard, and they hired her, about \$1.50 in one of those tobacco factories; working on a line, doing something, she said, worked it awful fast. So me and Herbert stayed there on then, and we put out the same patch of tobacco in front of the house there, and Herbert, he got sick, finally got him in City Hospital, and he died down there in 3 or 4 weeks, so I was staying. The tobacco had done grown up a little and I was trying to house it. I was 15 years old, had an old mare there, he traded for, hook her to a sled, and pull 20 or 30 sticks on the sled, take it to the barn, awful slow job, suckering, cutting and housing and everything yourself you know. So Josh, he come down then and helped me, and Josh and Annie said come up and live with them. So I went up there and lived and left down there then. So they had the sale, Herbert's sale in the fall and sold all of what he had."

Howard is buried in Cemetery Hill at Springfield. His son Herbert Tatum who died in 1929, of a kidney ailment lies beside him. My daddy was left motherless at age ten, fatherless at age fourteen and lost his brother Herbert at age 15. Herbert had been the oldest sibling still residing at home.

Howard's friend Ollie Clemens came to the family, after the death of Howard and claimed that he owed Howard \$60.00, which Howard had won off of him in a card game. They never knew if this was really the

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case or just the kindness of Howard's friend, but the money was a blessing to the orphans. Herbert, Bessie and Daddy had a very rough go of it alone on the farm.

Images: Obituary published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 2 Aug 1928, page 1.

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Errors in the obituary at right are: The body was not sent to Tatham Springs, nor did he live there. Tom Shields named in the inquest, should have been Tom Fields (1889-1973).

Obituary published in The Springfield Sun (Springfield, Kentucky), August 1928.

Howard Tatum Is Found Dead

Native of Washington County Is Victim of Mystery Attack;
Had Been Dead 18 Hours When Body Was Located.

Howard H. Tatum, age sixty-one years, was found dead in a creek bed on the road between his home and Samuels Depot, Nelson county, at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, by a Mr. Stull, a passerby.

Mr. Tatum left his home, two miles from Samuels Depot, Wednesday morning and remained at Samuels during the day. Late in the afternoon he purchased a few articles at a grocery there and started

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walking to his home. He was not seen again until his lifeless body was found Friday morning.

Mr. Tatum had been a live stock trader for many years and frequently was away from his home for several days. Because of this fact his children were not alarmed by his absence and no search had been made.

County officials at Bardstown were notified immediately after the body was found and the Coroner went to the scene and had the body removed to Bardstown for examination and preparation for burial. The Coroner's jury found that Mr. Tatum came to his death by heart failure. His skull was crushed at the base of the brain on the left side but it was said that this was the result of his fall from a bridge across the creek where the body was found, the distance from the bridge to the creek bed being about nine feet.

The son of the late Thomas A. Tatum and Mrs. Tatum, deceased was born and reared in Washington county and spent most of his life in the county. He and family moved to a farm near Samuels in 1918, where he had since made his home.

Mr. Tatum was twice married. His first wife, who was Miss Mollie Lair, died thirty-one years ago, leaving three children, Robert Tatum, Louisville; Bradley Tatum, Ft. Cox, Texas, and Vivian Tatum, this county. In 1900 he was married to Miss Ila Shirley, of Willisburg, who died four years ago. To this union eight children were born, six of whom survive. They are: Hubert Tatum, Louisville; Goddard Tatum, this county; Mrs. Annie Head, Samuels, and Herbert, Stanley and Bessie Tatum, who live at the family home. Two brothers, T. C. Tatum, this city; and Samuel Tatum, Louisville, and two sisters, Mrs. S. G. Reddicks, Louisville, and Mrs. Nannie Bothwell, Reynolds, Nebraska also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Tatum were held at the Springfield Baptist church, of which he was a member, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and burial was on Cemetery Hill, this city.

Because of the fact that Mr. Tatum's skull was crushed; that books and papers he kept in a certain pocket were found in another pocket, and the fact that he was known to at all times carry a reasonable sum of money, members of the family fear he may have been the victim of foul play, no money having been found on the body.

Image: Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.) Thurs., 9 Aug 1928, page 8. The author of this poem was Aurelius W. "Rellie" Sherman Jr., a best friend of Howard Tatum.

Daddy continues, "My Daddy didn't have much left after they buried him. I think we had \$35.00 around, apiece, out of what he had and his 5th interest in the farm, I think we got about that much later on, so they had his sale in the fall and got a little money out of it. Josh went up to Uncle Cliff, see he rented the place, 60 acres right down here, (pointing down Mobley Mill Road) where Mr., the Ulrich's live, so he went and rented the place from Uncle Cliff and we farmed it there a couple of years, times was awful tight you know. I got a little something out of the tobacco. And I stayed with them for, until about 1932. And in 1932 I went to staying down there with Goddard. He lived down there in the old house, old log house he kind of fixed that up in there. After that, so then Josh and Annie bought this place out here (pointing toward what I knew as the Eugene Houck (1898-1980) place in the 1960's) where Houck's live, a 3 room house and built onto it later. So then Bob, he came out of Louisville, he couldn't get any work, any kind of labor work or anything, he couldn't hardly find a job anymore, so he come out, we went back up in the house where Josh had been and we batched and worked a little around, for a farmer whenever we could get it, and stayed there until the next year along spring he left and went up Washington County. We'd moved down to the old log house over there when Goddard moved out, we liked it better than down there in the barn, so I stayed there until about this time of year (Sep) and finally I took off and went and lived with Bob up in Washington Co.,



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he was living in Maymie's place." (Maymie was Uncle Bob's wife).

Daddy continues, "Well, I was 20 in '34 (1934) so when I was just past 21, I signed up, left Springfield and went to CC Camp² a year, out in the west, stayed about 11 months, I went in on 23 April and got out on 1 Apr of the next year, so then got a job here at Deatsville, went in and went to mashing, \$2 a day 6 days a week, 25 cents an hour, 8 hours a day. I was just past 21, Goddard, he took me down there, and Mr. Edelen told me to help this man Stanley Wilson, running mash tubs, they had been on 900 bushels, and doubling up to 1400 and in a day or two going to 1800 and run 3 shifts around the clock. So he had me down there at about 6 o'clock in the morning. So I went in there you know and I was supposed to look for Mr. Edelen, well I didn't know Mr. Edelen. I seen John Perkins there, had an old stripped shop cap on like I wear, running the engine downstairs and I asked him if he was Mr. Edelen and he said no, he's kind of dressed up. He'll be down here directly. Directly he came down the steps and I met him and he took me up and told me to help Stanley Wilson, up there with the mash tubs. So, I don't think I learned anything for the first day or two, but then I began to catch on. Mr. Edelen would make us get in after ever mash, and the man that was running the tubs would get in there with a hose and I'd get in there in front of him with a paddle and he made you wash that mash out. But later years we didn't do that. We just let what would run out and then start back, it was a lot nicer, I think. And so then, I went in there at 6 o'clock and at 9 o'clock I was still going. Seemed like I'd helped him wash out several mash tubs and helped put on several scalds, and I thought to myself, well if they're going to work like this ever day, I don't think I want it no way."

Photo: Daddy (Stanley Tatum) at CC Camp in Pritchard, Idaho in ca 1935.



In CC Camp Daddy was sent to Prichard, Idaho. They did a lot of cutting trees and that type of work. Daddy's person in need was his oldest half-brother, Bob Tatum's family. Mama said the person serving got to keep their last 2 checks. Bob's wife Marie Ethel "Maymie" Mann Tatum got all the rest of the checks. She had 2 girls to support. Daddy went in on 23 Apr 1935, served almost 11 months and got out on 1 Apr 1936. When he got home Daddy's brother Goddard Tatum drove Daddy down to T.W. Samuels Distillery, where he was hired.

In about April of 1936, Daddy started working in the mash room at T. W. Samuels Distillery. This was a lifetime job for Daddy. He worked there 40 years, 1 month and 8 days.

In about 1938, Daddy met Mama, Alice Marie Downs. They dated almost 4 years before marriage.

² CC Camp was Civilian Conservation Corps, a voluntary public work relief program which ran from 1933 to 1942 for unemployed, unmarried men, between the ages of 17-28, designed to provide jobs during the great depression. They had food, shelter and clothing, together with a wage of \$30. per month of which \$25. was sent home to their families.

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Photos: Right, Daddy in tobacco with his brother-in-law Josh Head (1899-1975), who is holding his daughter, Margaret Head (1931-2008) in ca1931. Below, Daddy at his sister Annie's house in Samuels holding Annie's daughter Margaret Head, ca 1932. Bottom right, Daddy at home in Samuels holding his pet pig Rudolph in ca 1942.



Daddy was christened as an adult, in about 1992 in Hendersonville, Sumner Co., Tennessee, at his daughter Irma's church. He died 22 Dec 1995 peacefully at his home in Samuels. He was buried 24 Dec 1995 in Bardstown City Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky.

I believe Daddy would say he really enjoyed his time on this beautiful earth. He's probably as I write this, playing some sort of a musical instrument that you and I have never dreamed of. Play on Daddy, play on!

Concerning Daddy's ancestral lines, he would be happy to know that one of his

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ancestors was the famous immigrant, Nathaniel Tatum (1605-1675), of Jamestown, Virginia.

Daddy actually has a double Tatum line. One of his ancestors was a female Tatum who married a male Tatum. That line links at the 4th generation to the female. It looks like this: Stanley Clifton Tatum (1914-1995), s/o Howard Harrison Tatum (1868-1928), s/o Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum (1848-1912), s/o Lucinda Tatum Tatum (1810-1883), d/o Nicholas Seawood Tatum (1786-1854), s/o Samuel A Tatum Sr. (1745-1805), s/o William Henry Tatum (1719-1801), s/o Samuel Tatum (1691-1750), s/o Samuel Tatum (1664-1734), s/o Samuel Tatum (1640-1715), s/o Nathaniel Tatum (1605-1675), s/o William Tatum (1560-1603).

There's a lot of good information on Nathaniel Tatum, at this web site:

<http://www.planetmurphy.org/content/body/TatumNat1603.htm>

It offers documentation and speculation from several sources. I found it fun reading. A book by Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis titled, Tidewater Virginia Families and her follow-up book, Tidewater Virginia Families: Generations Beyond, address Nathaniel Tatum. The website and Mrs. Davis' books vary somewhat in their ideas about Nathaniel. Mrs. Davis' books can be seen at the Nelson County Public Library in Bardstown.

Personally I ended my research on the Tatum's with Samuel Tatum (1745-1805) and John Tatum (1775- ca 1878) on Daddy's other line. Beyond those two individuals, it is the genealogical work of others that I suggest. Like all genealogical research it could contain some errors. It's important for each person to evaluate the information to their own satisfaction. I expect we won't know the full truth about our ancestors until we get to Glory Land. With that in mind it's still a great hobby!

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Mama and Her Parents, Gene and Laura Ellen Powers Downs

Mama was Alice Marie Downs (1917-2009) born 16 Oct 1917 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, the daughter of Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs (1886-1918) and Laura Ellen Powers (1890-1918).

Gene and Laura had 3 children as follows:

1. Mary Leona Downs (1914-1916), died diphtheria, buried in an unmarked grave at St. Joseph Cemetery.
2. Joseph Elmer Downs (1916-1979), m. 1. Margaret Louise Dones (1917-1977), 2 issue; m. 2. Anna Benedetti (1920-2001), 4 issue
3. Alice Marie Downs (1917-2009), m. Stanley Clifton Tatum (1914-1995).

Mama hated the name Alice and just when by Marie. She thinks she was born in the Henrytown section of Bardstown. That's the section of Bardstown that is beside the Bardstown City Cemetery. If you are standing in Hwy 31E in front of the cemetery Henrytown is on your right. After she was born her parents moved to Louisville. In the 1970's Mama described the Louisville neighborhood her parents moved to as being in the Hill Street area, or the same neighborhood as the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Factory. I found the address where they lived in 1918 as 723 Underhill St., Louisville, Kentucky. It was listed on her daddy, Gene Downs' World War I Draft Registration Card which he filled out on 12 Sep 1918. That document says Gene was employed as a carpenter for the U.S. Government. On it we can see his signature, page 24.

Mama told me that Gene was working in the Mengel box factory in that area. Mama does not remember her parents. Tragically, they both died in the fall of 1918 in Louisville. They

caught the Spanish Flu that swept the world and killed 20 million people. Gene got it first. He was in General Hospital when Laura got it too. Within a very short period of time he died and Laura followed.



Photos: Gene and Laura Ellen

Powers Downs. Laura is possibly in her wedding gown, as she stands by the table. My oldest sister Patricia looks so much like Laura Ellen. My sister Carol has the vase you see on the table holding flowers.

Laura Ellen Powers was the daughter of James Henry Powers (1849-1924) and Mary Ellen "Mollie" Stewart (1853-bef 1910). Gene was the son of Edward Alice "Ed" Downs (1860-1947) and Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex (1864-1951). Gene and Laura were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church on 30 Dec 1913.

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Photo: Laura Ellen Powers Downs. She was born 12 Sep 1890 in Nelson Co., Kentucky and raised near Boston, Kentucky.

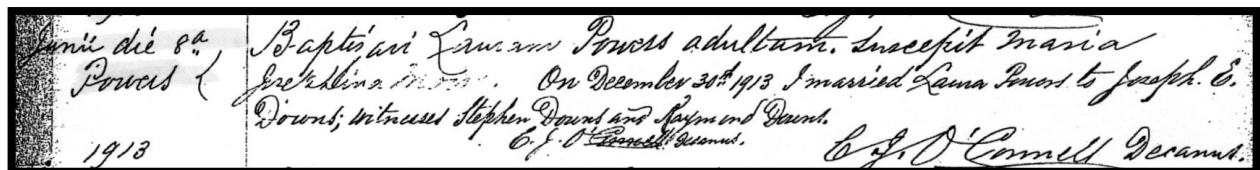


U.S. Federal Census of 1900, Dwelling 112, Boston, Mag. Dist.3, ED 94, Nelson Co., KY. Henry Powers head of household born May 1852 age 48 married

30 years occupation teamster rents a home, wife Mollie (Mary Ellen) Powers born May 1854 age 46 married 30 years 2 births and 2 still living, son George Powers born Jun 1885 age 15 day laborer, dau. Mary Powers born Sep 1888 age 12, mother Rebecca Powers born May 1822 age 78, all born KY KY KY, census taken 9 Jun 1900. Notice that Laura is called Mary in this record.

U.S. Federal Census of 1910, Dwelling 135, Boston, Pct. 11, Mag. Dist. 3, Nelson Co., KY, Laura Powers is living in the household of her uncle, Henry W. Lloyd head age 50 married once 30 years farmer born KY NC NC, wife Mary F. Lloyd age 60 married twice 30 years 1 birth and 1 still alive, son Ollie W. Lloyd age 27 married once for zero years, daughter-in-law Carrie Lloyd age 19 married once for zero years, brother-in-law James H. Powers age 58 widowed farm laborer, niece Laura Powers age 17, all but Henry W. Lloyd born KY KY KY, census taken 22 Apr 1910.

Image: Laura was baptized as an adult, record from St. Joseph Baptismal Records 1903 - 1949, page 53. It shows her marriage information too. It says, "8 Jun 1913 Baptized Laura Powers adult sponsor Maria Jenkins. On December 30th 1913 I married Laura Powers to Joseph E. Downs, witnesses Stephen Downs and Raymond Downs. C. J. O'Connell."



Deaths published in The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), Friday, November 8, 1918, page 3, column 7, Records of the Day in Louisville, November 7, 1918. Deaths, Laura Downs, 28 years, city hospital, pneumonia.

My Note: she was number 2 in a list of 5 who died. Laura had no obituary. Her death notice consists of one sentence within her husband's obituary as follows, " Word was received here late Wednesday evening that Mrs. Downs, wife of the deceased had died of the same disease and that the body would be brought here today for interment."

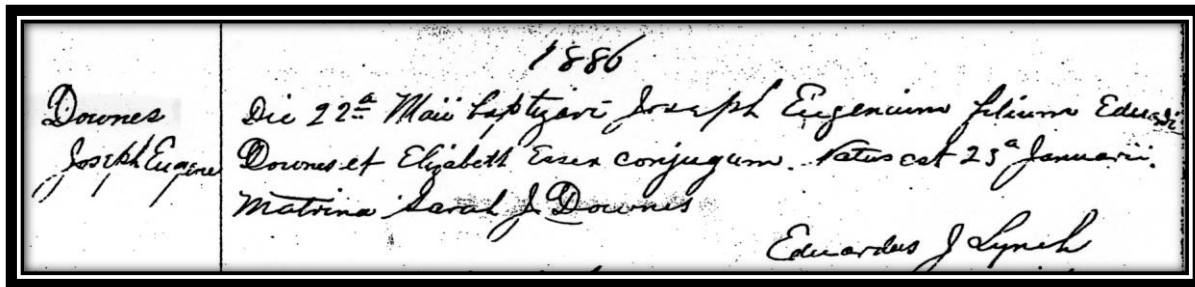
Mama told me that when she was little there were some old thin quilts that were not very well made and were not much count anymore and that Grandma Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs used them to cover the garden canned goods to keep them clean, and also keep them warm in the winter. Mama said she was told that they originally belonged to Laura Ellen Powers Down's grandmother. That would mean they would have been the original property of either Rebecca Girdley Powers (1823-1902) or Lucinda Shepherd Stewart (ca 1829-ca 1860), since both of these ladies would have been the grandmothers of Laura Ellen. Aunt Cora Lee Rice Powers, wife of Mama's uncle George Powers (1886-1943), is the one who told Mama that Laura was pregnant at the time of her death.

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Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs, born 24 Jan 1886 in Marion Co., Kentucky, USA; baptized 22 May 1886 in Holy Cross Church, Marion Co., Kentucky, USA; died 2 Nov 1918 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 4 Nov 1918 in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Edward Alice "Ed" Downs and Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" (Essex) Downs.

Holy Cross Catholic Church Baptismal Records, page 49, listed as Joseph Eugene Downes born on 23 January, was baptized by Fr. Edward J. Lynch on 22 May 1886, son of Edward Downes and Elizabeth Essex, sponsor was Sarah J. Downes. Note: Sarah J. Downes was Sarah Jane Downs, Gene's aunt.

Image: Below is Gene's Baptismal record from Holy Cross Catholic Church in Holy Cross Marion Co., Kentucky in 1886.



Marion County Kentucky Record of Reports School Census #2 1897-1899, page 4, Marion County Kentucky Court House, Lebanon, KY, lists Gene's date of birth as 24 Jan 1886.

U.S. Federal Census of 1900, Microfilm p. 71, line 1, Dwelling 182, Botland Dist. 4, Nelson Co., KY, listed as Joseph E. Downs and living in the household of his parents, Edward A. Downs head born May 1852 age 48 married 19 years farmer rents farm #162, wife Bettie Downs born Jul 1865 age 34 married 19 years with 6 births and 6 still alive, son Stevy Downs born Oct 1882 age 17, son John M. Downs born Sep 1884 age 15, son Joseph E. Downs born Jan 1886 age 14, son William R. Downs born Apr 1889 age 11, son Raymond V. Downs born Dec 1892 age 7, dau. Mary M. Downs born May 1895 age 5, all born KY KY KY, census taken 28 Jun 1900.

U.S. Federal Census of 1910, Microfilm page 149, Dwelling 335, Bardstown Dist. 3, Nelson Co., KY, listed as Eugene Downs living in the household of his parents, Ed A. Downs head age 50 married once for 27 years farmer owns farm #118 with a mortgage on it, wife Elizabeth Downs age 46 married once for 27 years with 8 children 7 still alive, son Eugene Downs age 24 single farmer, son Rayman Downs age 18, Mary M. Downs age 15, Frank Downs age 6, all born KY KY KY, census taken 2 May 1910.

Social news published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Thursday, August 18, 1910, page 7, columns 6 & 7, Cedar Creek (news), August 16, 1910. "Messrs. Eugene and Raymond Downs called on their best girls Sunday".

I wonder if Gene's best girl mentioned above was Laura. Probably not as that was 3 years before they married.

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Image: Below is Gene and Laura's Nelson County Kentucky Marriage Bond, 30 Dec 1913.

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MALE

1. Name of groom Joseph E. Downs
 2. Residence of groom Nelson Co Ky
 3. Age of groom 28 years
 4. Number of marriage of groom 1st
 5. Occupation Farmer
 6. Birthplace of groom Marion Co Ky
 7. Name and birthplace of groom's father Edward D. Downs Marion Co Ky
 8. Name and birthplace of groom's mother Elizabeth (Cass) Downs Same Co Ky

FEMALE

9. Name of bride Laura E. Powers
 10. Residence of bride Nelson Co Ky
 11. Age of bride 24 years
 12. Number of marriage of bride 1st
 13. Birthplace of bride Nelson Co Ky
 14. Name and birthplace of bride's father Henry Powers Nelson Co Ky
 15. Name and birthplace of bride's mother Ellen Stuart Nelson Co Ky

16. Remarks
 N. B.—At Nos. 4 and 12 state whether first, second, etc., Marriage, of each or either party.
 To be married at St. Josephs Church Bardstown Nelson County Ky
 on the 30th day of Dec 1913
 I CERTIFY that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand, this 26th day of Dec 1913
Joseph Eugene Downs
 Clerk,
 Court.
 By _____ D. C.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

This is to Certify, That on the 30 day of Dec 1913
 The RITES OF MARRIAGE were legally solemnized by me between
Jos. E. Downs
 AND
Laura E. Powers
 at Bardstown in the County of Nelson
 in the presence of Stephen Downs
 and Raymond Downe
 Signed, G. J. O'Connell
 NOTE—The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing certificate.
 A Copy Attest: Morgan Gierke Clerk,
Nelson County Court,
 By Everett Kilbrey D. C.

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Images: Above are Gene and Laura's Marriage Certificate and Marriage License., 30 Dec 1913 Nelson Co., Kentucky



Photo: Above from left is Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs and his best friend Babe Barnes. The horse and buggy belonged to Gene. His horse was fast, making the 5 mile trip from their Cedar Creek home into Bardstown in 20 minutes.

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Tragically on 20 Jan 1916 Gene and Laura's daughter, Mary Leona Downs, died from Diphtheria. She was only 15 months old. She was buried on 21 Jan 1916 in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky. The location of her grave is unknown.

Image: Obituary of Mary Leona Downs, published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Thursday, January 27, 1916, An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Downs died Thursday night of diphtheria. The little girl was very bright and lovable and the parents have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

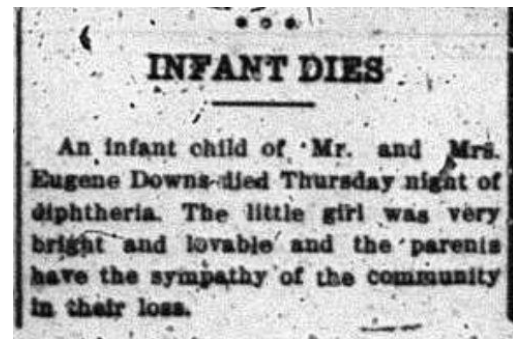


Image: Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs' World War I Draft Registration Card, notice his signature.

REGISTRATION CARD									
SERIAL NUMBER	041				ORDER NUMBER				
1	Joseph Eugene Downs								
2	723 Underhill Louisville Ky								
3	Age in Years	Date of Birth							
32	Jan	24	1886						
4	White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	Citizen	Residence			
5	✓								
6	U. S. CITIZEN				ALIEN				
10	Native Born	Naturalized	Acquired by Law of the United States	Declarant	Non-declarant				
11	✓								
15	I am a citizen of the U. S. of what nation are you a citizen or subject?								
16	PRESENT OCCUPATION				EMPLOYER'S NAME				
16	Carpenter				U. S. Gov't				
17	Stithton				Ky				
18	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS:				Hardin Ky				
19	Name				Address				
19	Laura Downs				723 Underhill S Louisville Ky				
20	Address								
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE									
P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Rev. 1918)									

REGISTRAR'S REPORT									
DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT									
HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES		COLOR OF HAIR	
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout				
21	22 X	23	24	25 X	26	Brown	27	Dark	
28 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify.)									
No									
29 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:									
Date of Registration Sep 11 1918									
Local Board for the County of Nelson.									
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)									
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this space.)									

World War I Draft Registration Card dated 12 Sep 1918, listed as Joseph Eugene Downs, permanent residence 723 Underhill, Louisville, Ky., age 32, born 24 Jan 1886, white, native born, carpenter, employed by U.S. Gov't at Stithton, Hardin Co., Ky., nearest relative Laura Downs, 723 Underhill S Louisville, Ky., medium height, medium build, brown eyes and dark hair, no disabilities, signed by J. R. Cox, and dated 12 Sep 1918 at the local board for County of Nelson. He could write as his signature is on this document. This record is evidently the correct date of birth as it agrees with the birthday listed in the Marion County, Kentucky School Census Records.

Mama told me that Gene worked at a box factory in Louisville, Kentucky, called Mengel. She said it was located in the Hill Street section of Louisville, somewhere near where the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Factory was. I found a small write-up about the Company in a book titled, The Four Keys To Kentucky, page 494. Paraphrasing it said, 1877, The Mengel Company, The Mengel Company was

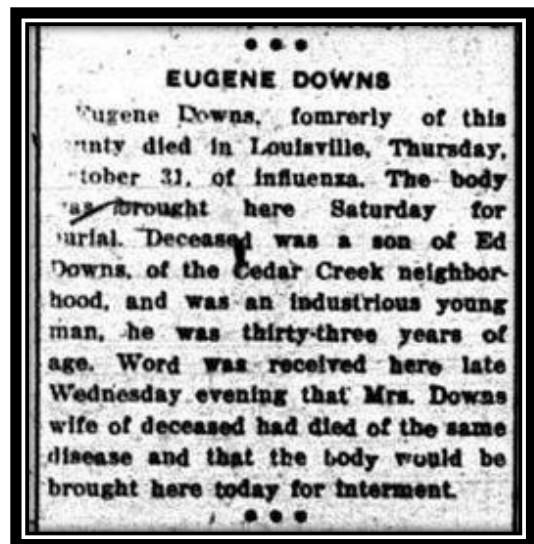
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originally founded in 1877 by Col. C. C. Mengel with about 35 employees. The product at that time consisted of tobacco packing boxes and vegetable crates. The Company was incorporated in 1899 as The Mengel Box Company and at that time it had about two hundred employees. Tobacco boxes, small boxes for packing plug tobacco, were the principal product. In 1920 the name of the corporation was changed to The Mengel Company. The company employs today approximately 4600 persons and has plants in nine states. A wholly-owned subsidiary, Mengel West Africa, limited, engaged in logging and sawmill operations on the Gold Coast, British West Africa, and another subsidiary (jointly owned with United States Plywood Corporation) having plywood warehouses in eleven cities. The principal products of the company at present are, furniture, wood boxes, hardwood plywood, mahogany veneer, doors, kitchen cabinets, industrial wood parts and corrugated shipping containers.

Mama also told me that Gene's best friend was Babe Barnes. Babe is in the buggy with Gene on the previous page. Babe's full name was Shadrick Babe Barnes (1880-1947) s/o James W. Barnes and Catherine "Kate" (nee Barnes) Barnes. Babe never married and finished out his life with his married sister, Susan, wife of John "Babe" Dickerson. In the picture Gene is on the left in a light color hat and dark tie and Babe is on the right in a dark color hat and light tie. Since they are both very dressed up I sometimes wonder if the picture might have been taken on Gene's wedding day in 1913, but at any rate it was taken before Gene's death on 2 Nov 1918.

Kentucky Certificate of Death, Nelson Co., Yr 1918, Cert. No. 34637, listed as Eugene Downs, male, white, married, born 24 Jan 1885 in Kentucky, age 33, laborer, general nature of industry Stithton, father Edward Downs born Kentucky, mother Elizabeth Essett (Essex) born Kentucky, informant City Hospital, was seen by the physician from 27 Oct 1918 to 2 Nov 1918 and died at 10:12 p.m. on 2 Nov 1918 from lobular pneumonia with contributory cause being influenza, signed by doctor Henry Ersulley on 2 Nov 1918, was in the hospital 5 days, in the state 33 yrs., former or usual residence 723 Underhill, buried Bardstown, Ky., on 4 Nov 1918, undertaker L. D. Box, city (Louisville).

Image: Obituary of Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs, published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thursday, November 7, 1918, page 1, Death's Harvest: Eugene Downs, formerly of this county died in Louisville, Thursday, October 31, of influenza. The body was brought here Saturday for burial. Deceased was a son of Ed Downs, of the Cedar Creek neighborhood, and was an industrious young man, he was thirty-three years of age. Word was received here late Wednesday evening that Mrs. Downs, wife of the deceased had died of the same disease and that the body would be brought here today for interment.



Death Notice published in The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Kentucky), Thursday, November 7, 1918, page 7, column 4, Records of the Day in Louisville, November 6, 1918. Deaths, Eugene Downs, 33 years, city hospital, pneumonia. Note that he was 7th in a list of 8 people who died.

Nelson County Kentucky Cemeteries Vol., 4, page 112. Downs, Eugene, age 31 years; son of Edward Downs and Bettie Essex, buried 4 Nov 1918, confirms Gene's burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, sadly, there is no headstone for him or Laura, though I would like to erect one someday.

Other noted items of interest are, The Kentucky Certificate of Death on daughter Mary Leona Downs said her father Gene was born in Washington County, Kentucky. Another source, possibly Gene's

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marriage record said that he was born in Marion County, Kentucky. Both Gene and wife Laura died 3 days apart at City Hospital in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, from the 1918 flu epidemic that swept the world. It was called the Spanish Flu. Some people dropped dead in the streets after having it just a few hours. It covered the world in just 1 year and killed about 20 million people worldwide. It is said to have put a stop to World War I. Mama said that Granddaddy Ed Downs put Laura Ellen into the hospital and brought her and Elmer home with him on the train. I guess Gene was already in the hospital or deceased and then she within the next 3 days. Granddaddy Ed and Bettie took care of the arrangements for both Gene and Laura to be buried. They are buried in unmarked graves at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bardstown, Kentucky. No one knows for sure where but Mama thinks it was close to the front (west), near Hwy 31E and to the left (north). She remembers being near the road, scared and crying because Grandma was picking flowers and a guard came over and told her not to do that, he could have her arrested. Grandma didn't know any better and all of this scared Mama because she was just a little girl.

After the death of Gene and Laura, Ed and Bettie stepped up to the plate.

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Mama's Grandparents, Ed and Bettie Essex Downs

Ed's full name was Edward Alice Downs and Bettie's was Elizabeth Ann Essex. After the death of Gene, Ed boarded a train in Bardstown and traveled to Louisville. He put Laura in the hospital and brought Mama and her brother Elmer back to their Cedar Creek home, in Nelson County.

Within a few more days Laura died too. Granddaddy and Grandma did not have any legal guardianship paperwork over Mama that I could ever find. Mama confirmed that there was none. In 1918 Granddaddy would have been 58 years old and Grandma was 54. They were not spring chickens to take on a 13 months old little girl, and an almost 3 year old little boy, but gratefully, they did.

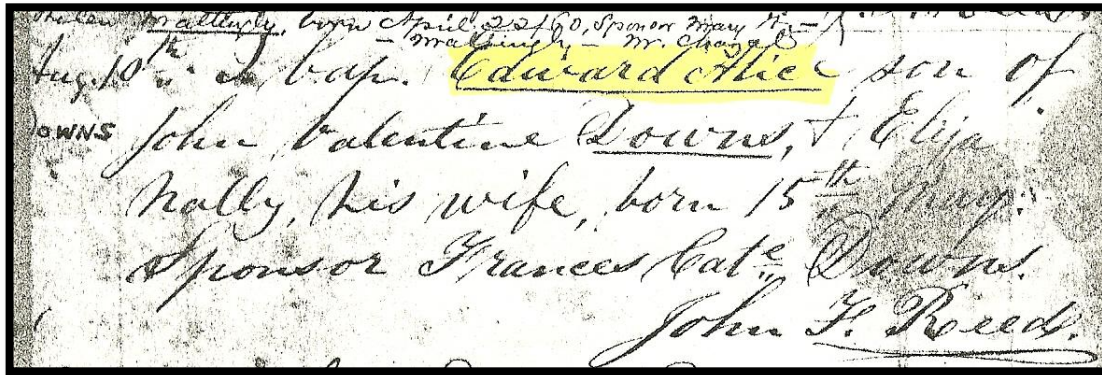


Image: Edward Alice Downs baptized 10 Aug 1860 at St. Thomas Catholic Church; this is proof his middle name was Alice, just as our mother told us.

Ed was Edward Alice Downs (1860-1947), the son of John Valentine Downs (1815- 1888) and Eliza Nally (1816-1863) of Loretto, Marion Co., Ky. John Valentine Downs in earlier years lived in Nelson Co., and had a 1st cousin by the same exact name and born in the same year. That 1st cousin, John Valentine Downs (1815-1879) was a s/o Benedict Downs (1784-1956) and Sarah Hayden and spent his whole life in Raywick, Ky. Many researchers have confused these 2 men, so it bears mentioning here. Bettie was Elizabeth Ann Essex (1864-1951), the d/o John Wesley Essex (1829-1886) and Nancy Ann Metcalf (1830-1910) of Athertonville, Larue Co., Ky. Ed and Bettie's children were:

1. Steve Andrew Downs (1882-1942), m. Mary Arlethey Downs (1888-1976), had 12 issue.
2. John Millard Downs (1884-1958), m. Pearl Mariam Downs (1886-1972), had 8 issue.
3. Joseph Eugene "Gene" Downs (1886-1918), m. Laura Ellen Powers (1890-1918), had 3 issue.
4. William Russell Downs (1889-1927), m. Annie Lee Bowman (1889-1966), had 9 issue.
5. Raymond Virgil Downs (1892-1966), m. Mary Hugh Russell "Hudie" Downs (1899-1980), had 6 issue.
6. Mary Martha "May" Downs (1895-1991), m. John Wesley "Boss" Bowman (1889-1972), had 7 issue.
7. Francis Elam Downs I (1900-1901), age 1, Spinal Meningitis, buried Holy Trinity Cemetery.
8. Francis Elam "Frank" Downs II (1903-1974), m. Mary Irene "Renner" Hutchins (1898-1984), had 1 issue.

Notice that 3 of Ed and Bettie sons married their 2nd cousins: Arlethey, Pearl and Huddie Downs. Ed and Bettie raised Mama and Elmer in the strict structure of that era. They worked on the farm and in the home. They raised wheat, corn, oats, hens, chickens, a few hogs and cattle. They sold cream and butter from the cattle in the summer, sold butter beans and watermelon from the vegetable garden, and did some peddling on the street in Bardstown. They did a lot of canning from the vegetable garden. In the winter they slaughtered and ate the hens.

In the summer they picked berries and sold what they didn't use. Granddaddy never had a car. When they needed to go into town the buggy was hitched up to their old horse "High Wathy" or "Wathy" for short,

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and he pulled them for the 5 mile trip into Bardstown. My sister Patricia, remembers Mama talking about poor old Wathy, barely being able to pull the steep hills between Cedar Creek and Bardstown.

Little is known about the childhood of Ed or Bettie. Granddaddy Ed and Bettie raised a large family. They had 7 boys and a girl and of course, the 2 grandchildren. Ed stood 5'7" tall, slender built, and had blue eyes. He had a fifth grade education and could read and write fairly well. His mother Eliza Nally Downs (1816-1863) died when he was only 3 years old. From his age, I concluded she died between 15 May 1863 and 15 May 1864. Mama said that he burned himself when he was little. One of the older kids commented on seeing a rabbit. He rushed to the window to see it too. He bumped his mother who was ironing and knocked the iron off and burned his arm. It must have been a fairly bad burn for him to remember, as he would have been less than 4 years old. His daughter, Aunt Mary Martha "Mae" Downs Bowman said they called him, "Little Val" when he was young. This was because he looked so much like his father, Valentine Downs. And indeed, I found him listed in the 1860 federal census as Val Downs, age 1 month old. His father's full name was John Valentine Downs. And there's his middle name, it was Alice. Edward Alice Downs is definitely his name.



Photo: Mama's paternal grandparents, Edward Alice "Ed" and Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs, at our home in Samuels.

Mama remembers that Grandma Bettie used to tease him about it, saying he had a girl's name. A cousin did not want to accept it when I told her that his middle name was Alice. That is, until I found the proof. It is in his baptismal record. See image on page 27. It clearly says, Aug 10th I bap(tize) Edward Alice, son of John Valentine Downs & Eliza Nally, his wife, born 15 May sponsor Frances Cat'e (Catherine) Downs. (signed) John F. Reed.

Grandma Bettie grew up in Athertonville, Larue Co., Kentucky. She was never allowed to attend school and therefore never learned to read or write. It bothered her a lot. She'd almost cry when she would talk about them not sending her to school. Bettie was 5'5" or 5'6" tall, medium/heavy built, cold black hair and hazel eyes. Before Bettie married she worked at the Sherwood Hotel at New Haven. Bettie's older sister, Martha Ann Essex and her husband Thomas Hardin Johnson owned and operated it. Their descendants still run it today as a restaurant (May 2010). Grandma Bettie was a very good cook. As soon as company showed up at their Cedar Creek home, Bettie fired up the wood stove and started preparing a meal. You had to loosen your belt when you left Grandma's table.

Grandma used snuff. My sister Patricia remembers seeing her spit can.

Grandma was a very good housekeeper. Not long after Mama came to live with Grandma she went over to Grandma insistently repeating Mama, Mama, Mama. Grandma got a little spooked and thought maybe Mama was seeing a ghost, but Mama led Grandma to the closet and pointed to her mother's hat.

She started Mama cooking when she was just tall enough to stand over the woodstove, about age seven. The first thing Mama learned to cook was fried cornbread. Imagine that today, a 7 year old standing over an iron skillet, on a wood burning stove, frying corn-bread patties. Making biscuits was one of Mama's

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chores and the dishes too. When Mama was about 5 years old she begged to wash the dishes. Grandma put the dish pan into a chair and let her go at it. So that became her job and one she didn't like so much anymore. Sometimes Grandma would say in an exasperated tone, "It's 8 and the dishes aren't done." She was referring to 8 a.m. At 5 years of age, Mama could set a perfect table. Her aunts by marriage were simply amazed at how she could get everything that was necessary for a comfortable meal onto the table. She hated weeding in the garden. When she was older, they weeded 2 huge cornfields. Fortunately, she didn't have to do that but occasionally. Granddaddy's farm consisted of 100 acres. She thinks the Hillard family bought the place when Granddaddy got too old to work the farm anymore.

Mama said she was a tomboy, thanks to her brother Elmer, who was her main playmate. They would shoot the rifle, play marbles and a game called Shinny. You use a stick to knock a tin can around, think field hockey. Shinny is actually a very early Scottish game. If Granddaddy and Grandma went to town, Mama and Elmer would get into things that they knew they shouldn't be bothering. One of the things she remembers was getting out Granddaddy's razor and looking it over real good.

Their house was a log structure with clapboard siding and a large porch. My sister Carol remembers being told that it only had 2 rooms.

One day when Mama was still young, sitting out sewing, in their yard at their Cedar Creek home a bird flew down and tried to get a piece of Mama's hair for its nest. It scared Mama. She ran back in the house and told Grandma who got a good laugh out of it.

Grandma made sure Mama and her brother Elmer attended school. It was the Craven's Schoolhouse there in Cedar Creek. Granddaddy would get his daughter-in-law Annie Bowman Downs, wife of his son Russell Downs, to write Mama and Elmer's names in their school books. He thought she could write real pretty. Mama started there in July 1923. Georgia Willett was her first teacher. She put Mama over her knee and paddled her for talking. It wasn't long before Mama realized she was not the teacher's pet, nor was Elmer. Mama asked for more paste to finish her picture and was tartly told no, she would only make a mess. They had to walk to school and at least on one occasion they passed some gypsies on the road, who stared at them and it scared them. The gypsies' dogs were very skinny. The teacher in her carriage often passed them by and didn't stop to offer any ride. Instead she hollered out the cart as she passed by, "May-Ree, pick me some flowers." But despite all the negatives Mama loved school and would cry if she didn't get to go. She loved working with numbers and was good at it. At least 3 of her daughters inherited this trait from her, Patricia, Carol and Ellen.

The schoolhouse was located on the left side of Boston Road. It was about 1 mile west toward Boston past the Bellwood Road where Mama lived with her grandparents. Louise Dones who attended school with Mama said she wished she was Marie Downs, because she didn't have any parents to make her mind. Louise later became Elmer's first wife. At the end of 7th grade you had the opportunity to take a test and if you passed it, you could skip 8th grade and go on to high school. Mama passed the test but then she couldn't find a way to get to the high school. It was in Bardstown. So Mama went on back to Craven's School and finished the 8th grade. Mildred Edelen was her last teacher. Mama hated that she didn't get to go on to high school. Mama was smart and was always willing to help her children with their school work.

Ed and Bettie had two sons with the same name, Francis Elam Downs. The first child died young of spinal meningitis. That was when they lived on the farm at the mouth of Hardin's Creek, in the Manton area. The child was buried in Holy Trinity Cemetery in Nelson County. The second son with that same name grew up. They called him Frank. He married Irene Hutchins. They called her "Rener" and she was Mama's favorite aunt. She taught Mama how to sew.

Mama told of Grandma saying her father John Wesley Essex, was part Indian. John Wesley's granddaughter, Mary Martha "Mae" Downs, also reported that her father was a good-looking Indian. Funny thing is, my sister Patricia and I don't show any Indian in our DNA results.

Mama's favorite uncle was Uncle Millard Downs. He always gave Mama and her first cousin Bueford Bowman a quarter, which they took to the store and bought enough dress goods to make a dress each.

Elmer worked at the saw mill in Cedar Creek, for Charlie Dones who was Louise's father. His job was to help to "bear-off" the lumber. He also worked for Joe Sorrell who ran a store in Cedar Creek for 50

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cents a day when he was in his teenage years. Joe was also a farmer and Elmer and several other neighborhood boys helped him with hauling stock, gardening and other farm chores. He quit school after the 7th grade and went to live with Uncle Frank Downs in Louisville and then to Indiana for a year, before returning to this area.

Granddaddy Ed Downs had a 1st cousin named Frank Downs who visited frequently. Frank's wife Mollie Dickerson always wore a brown toboggan. Mama and Elmer called it a Mollie cap. All of our lives Mama referred to that type of hat as a Mollie cap. I grew up thinking that was its true name. Of course I did hear other people refer to it as a toboggan, but I still thought Mollie Cap was a valid name. It wasn't until I was in my 40's that I found out the rest of the world didn't know what a Mollie cap was. That was quite a shock to say the least. To this day I still use that term. Thank you Mama. Cute things like that make families unique and special.

Form V. S.
No. 2
250M-11 9-15

1 PLACE OF BIRTH
County of Nelson
Det. Pct. of 8
Inc. Town of ...
or
City of ...
No. ... Ward ...

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
Bureau of Vital Statistics
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Registration District No. 887 File No. ...
Primary Registration District No. 2490 Registered No. 67

If birth occurs in a hospital or other institution give name of same, instead of street and number Alice Marie Downs

2 FULL NAME OF CHILD Alice Marie Downs

3 Sex of Child <u>Female</u>	4 Legitimacy <u>30</u>	5 Twin, Triplet or other <u>To be answered in case of plural births only</u>	6 Number in order of birth <u>...</u>	7 Date of birth (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>Oct 16 1917</u>
8 FULL NAME FATHER <u>Joseph Eugene Downs</u>	14 FULL MAIDEN NAME MOTHER <u>Laura Ellen Parris</u>			
9 RESIDENCE <u>Nelson Co</u>	15 RESIDENCE <u>Nelson Co</u>			
10 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	11 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY (Years) <u>33</u>	16 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	17 AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY (Years) <u>27</u>	
12 BIRTHPLACE <u>Nelson Co</u>	18 BIRTHPLACE <u>Nelson Co</u>			
13 OCCUPATION <u>Farmer</u>	19 OCCUPATION <u>Housewife</u>			
20 Number of child of this mother <u>3</u>		21 Number of children of this mother, now living <u>2</u>		

22 CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

23 I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on Oct 16 1917 at ...

When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, mother, householder, etc., should make this return.

Given name added from a supplemental report ...

(Signature) Richard H. Greenwell
(Physician or midwife)

Address Bardston, Nelson Co, Ky

24 Filed Oct 21 1917 by Wm B. Hargis
Registrar

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD.
N. B.—In case of more than one child at a birth, a SEPARATE RETURN must be made for each, and the number of each, in order of birth, stated.

Image: Mama's Birth Certificate, listed as Alice Marie Downs, delivered by Dr. Richard H. Greenwell.

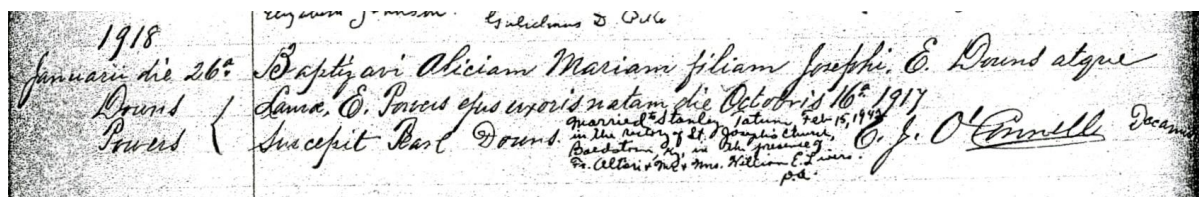
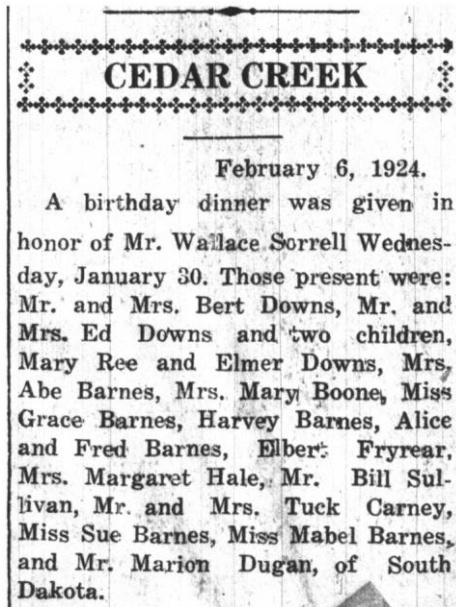


Image: Mama's Baptismal Record, listed as Alice Marie Downs, baptized at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bardston, Nelson Co., Kentucky, on 26 Jan 1918 by Rev. C. J. O'Connell, with marriage info. in margin.

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Photo: Mama and her brother Elmer Downs in about 1918. **Image:** Below left, ran in The Kentucky Standard, Mama is called Mary Ree in the newspaper article.



I was never able to locate Mama with her grandparents in the U.S. Federal Census of 1920, the family was evidently missed by the census taker in this year.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Thursday, February 7, 1924, page 6, column 5, Cedar Creek (news) February 6, 1924. A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mr. Wallace Sorrell Wednesday, January 30. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Downs, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Downs and two children, Mary Ree and Elmer, Mrs. Abe Barnes, Mrs. Mary Boone,

U.S. Federal Census of 1930, Dwelling 62, Bell Wood Rd., Dist. 3, Nelson Co., KY, listed as Alice Downs and living in the household of her grandparents, E. A. Downs head age 69 first married at age 21 farmer, wife Bettie Downs age 66 first married at age 17, grandson Joseph Downs age 14, granddaughter Alice Downs age 13, all born KY KY KY, census taken 7 Apr 1930.

U.S. Federal Census of 1940, Bellwood Road, Magistrate Dist. 3, Nelson Co., Ky., listed as Betty (Marie) Downs and living in the household of her grandfather, Edd Downs head age 69 completed 7th grade occupation farms on own farm, wife Mattie (Bettie) Downs age 67 completed 5 grade, granddaughter Betty (Marie) Downs age 19 single, home valued at \$600 farm yes, all lived in this same residence in 1935, all born KY, census taken on 25 Apr 1940. Their neighbor on each side are the Cecil Hughes family and the Willis Nalley family.

On another note, before I was ever born, my sister Patricia remembers that they visited Grandma Bettie during the last few days of her life. She was staying at the home of her son Millard Downs near State Street in Bardstown, but the driveway entrance was from Boston Road. The house has since been torn down. Grandma loved boiled hen and broth. So Mama made some and brought it to her in a pan. Grandma died in that house. A cousin who shall remain nameless, was there that day. She was a young child playing out in the backyard unaware of what was taking place. Not knowing at the time what it was, she saw Grandma's spirit come out the window and ascend to heaven. Though she didn't understand what she was seeing, it did not scare her. It just seemed incredibly peaceful. A little later on when she went into the house she found out that Grandma had died. It was then she understood what she had seen.

My sister Patricia remembers attending the funeral at St. Gregory's Church and seeing Mama cry and

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wipe her eyes. Grandma would have been the only mother that Mama could remember, as her own mother had died when she was so young.

When the depression hit Granddaddy Ed sold his entire crop of tobacco and only got 15 cents for it.

As a young lady Mama began to stay with ladies who had just given birth. She would stay with them for about one week and help them out. The first person she stayed with was her first cousin, Bueford Bowman wife of Emmett Fryrear. She also spent a week with Hazel Barnes, wife of Jack Allen and a week with Mrs. Bodine on Bennett's Lane.

Mama's first job in town was working as a live-in helper, with a telephone operator named Rebecca Coyle. Rebecca was 1st married to the widower, Russell J. Hardy, 2nd married the widower John Luard Rhodes and 3rd married the widower John Thomas Byrns. Rebecca lived near the corner of Flaget and 4th Streets in Bardstown. Mama looked after Rebecca's elderly mother, Josie Smith, the wife of Alfred Hynes Coyle. Mrs. Rhodes couldn't pay very much, just a token really, \$2.50 a week. But Mama was able to buy a few new clothes with that.

Rebecca's stepdaughter, Viola Rhodes introduced Mama to Daddy. Mama and Viola walked up-town together and Viola said, "Oh look, there's Stanley Tatum. Let's go over and talk to him." Daddy was leaning up against a car playing his guitar. He wanted Mama to go out with him, but Mama said no. Mama had on a pretty red dress and was kind of cute looking. This is something Daddy always mentioned, when the subject of their first meeting would come up. Mama said Viola had been dating Daddy, so she wouldn't go out with her friend's boyfriend. Later Viola and Mama talked about it. Viola said she wasn't going out with Daddy anymore. She told Mama to go ahead, adding that her and Stanley would never get along anyway. Later Viola and Mama compared notes about how he acted with them and the questions he asked. One of the questions they had both been asked was how many fillings they had in their teeth. They got a good laugh out of that one. But then Viola got a little bit jealous about Mama's relationship with Stanley and locked her in a bathroom. In the end it all worked out because Viola married Pat Bowman. Mama and Daddy dated for almost 4 years before they married.

Next Mama went to work for the Nelson County Jailer, who was at that time, Columbus Settles and his wife, Pearl Frances Cecil. It was part of her job to help prepare the meals for the prisoners. Mrs. Settles saw Mama cutting the blemishes off the tomatoes before cooking them and she told Mama not to bother doing that, "Just feed it to them," she said. Mama said she only worked there for about a week. The family slept upstairs above the jail. Mama's week with them was during the time that Geneva Chapman wife of William Clayton Prather was a prisoner at their home, for the murder of her father Justice George W. Chapman. She killed him on 6 Jun 1938, with the help of her husband and a field hand Robert Knott. She was from the Botland area of Nelson County and had two daughters. The jail had no provisions for women so Geneva was kept in the house. Mama and the Settles' daughter, Tillie Settles, who was about 11 years old, had to sleep in the same room with Mrs. Prather. Mama said she could hear Mrs. Prather crying and snubbing all night long. This murder involved a stone hammer and an ice pick! Geneva surrendered to authorities on 30 Jul 1938, and was held without bail. Indicted on 2 Nov 1938, she was found guilty on 10 Nov 1938 of a charge of Wilful Murder. She was paroled in Dec 1945. This was one of the most spectacular trials ever held in Nelson County. I have included newspaper articles on it in a separate chapter titled, The Geneva Prather Story. Turn there for all of the truly horrific gory details!

You could hardly sleep at night with Mrs. Prather crying and you could hear the inmates in the jail carrying on all hours of the night. Also could hear late-nighters out in the alley way behind the jail doing who knows what. The chores were endless and Mrs. Settles just kept adding more. This job did pay a little bit better. Mama had to help clean the house, help with the wash by rinsing and hanging-out, make biscuits every morning, cook for the prisoners and help get their meal trays ready, and some other things. Then she added the ironing to the long list and that was just too much for Mama. So Mama told her she didn't want to do the ironing anymore. Another girl wanted to come back to work there and that was just fine with Mama. So Mrs. Settles told Mama to pack up her clothes and be ready to leave in the morning. Sounds like Mama made a wise decision to me. She didn't like that job very much and really, is it any wonder? So Mama was back on Cedar Creek for awhile.

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Next Mama went to work as live-in help for Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill Kurtz, owners of Kurtz Restaurant, which is still in existence today. Mrs. Kurtz was Annette Briney before marriage. Mama remembers that their son Sonny Kurtz, was about 3 years old. He didn't turn 3 until Sept of 1938. So she probably started there in the fall of that year. Mama would have been 21 years old then. Her duties were primarily in the house. They also ran a dairy and that's where Mama worked a lot of the time too. Mama only waitressed in the restaurant a few times when they were in dire need. The pay was \$5.00 a week. They were nice to Mama and she thought a lot of their daughters Laverne and Bernice. Laverne was about Mama's age. Mama was buying pretty dresses with her earnings. Wyanda Kurtz said that Marie Downs got paid to do the same work they had to do for free. And Marie had free time in the evenings, when they didn't. She had prettier dresses than they did, while they had to share their clothes and didn't have as many. Mama was a kind person and let them borrow her pretty dresses.

Today Kurtz's Restaurant is still in business. It is run by one of the daughters from the original family, Marilyn Rose "Tookey" Kurtz, who married Donald Richard Dick. She was affectionately called Tookey from early childhood. Mama remembers Mrs. Kurtz telling her to scrub Tookey's knees.

Her next job was working in the Bethlehem School Cafeteria. She didn't like it too well as some of the people were a bit snooty. Mama remembers Thelma Clark, wife of Allen Cross telling her how much she disliked Mama's three Aunts, Arlethey, Hudie, and Pearl Downs. Mama found out that she could transfer to the Boston School Cafeteria if she obtained a certificate. She could get the certificate by training for 2 weeks at the New Haven School. So she did. Grandma's sister Martha Ann Essex, wife of Thomas Hardin Johnson lived there running the Sherwood Inn Hotel. Martha rolled out the red carpet and let Mama stay with them for the training period. Then she made the transfer to the Boston School Cafeteria. Mama would have to walk from home at Cedar Creek to the main road to catch a ride on the coldest mornings you've ever seen. A truck would come along and take her to Boston School, along with 2 or 3 others that worked there. Once it was about 40 below zero and where her boots rubbed the backs of her legs was bleeding. She became their Bookkeeper/Manager. She was in this position until she married, at which time she moved to Samuels.

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Mama and Daddy Tie the Knot and Setup Housekeeping at Samuels

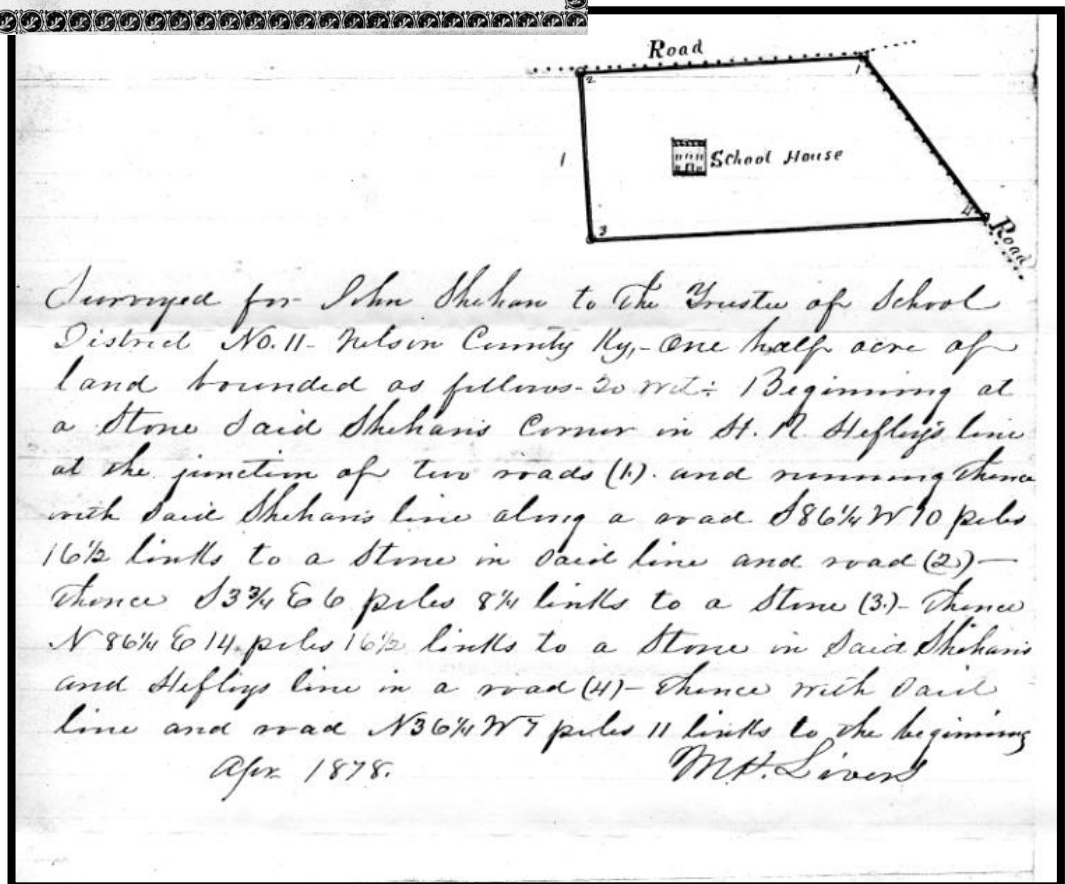
Stanley Tatum and Marie Downs had been dating for almost 4 years. They married on 15 Feb 1942 in St. Joseph Church Rectory in Bardstown. Earl Livers and his wife, Lillian Fields were friends of Dad's and they were the witnesses. Mama was a Catholic but Daddy was not. Daddy was taking instructions and studied for a time about becoming a Catholic, but then he changed his mind and never joined. Mama really liked Fr. Altieri. I think a lot of people did.

Certificate of Person Performing Marriage Ceremony
TO BE DELIVERED TO PARTIES MARRIED

No. 236

I, Dominic J. Altieri, a priest
of the Roman Catholic Church, or religious order of that name,
do certify that on the 15th day of Feb, 1942
at Bardstown, Kentucky, under authority of a
license issued by W. J. Roby, Clerk of County Court of Nelson
County (or City), State of Kentucky, dated the 14th day of Feb, 1942
I united Stanley Tatum and Marie Marie Downs
Husband and his Wife, in the presence of Mrs. Mrs. William Earl Livers
Given under my hand, this 15th day of Feb, 1942
Dominic J. Altieri
Person Performing Ceremony, Sign Here
Catholic Priest
Title of Office

Daddy bought the land and schoolhouse at Samuels, just days before he and Mama married, at the advice of his sister, Annie Tatum Head. Mama told me initially she was afraid to move to Samuels. It had a bad reputation. Since I grew up there I didn't realize it and was quite shocked to hear her say that.

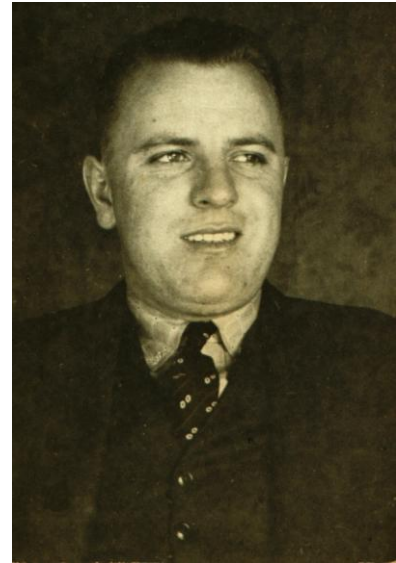
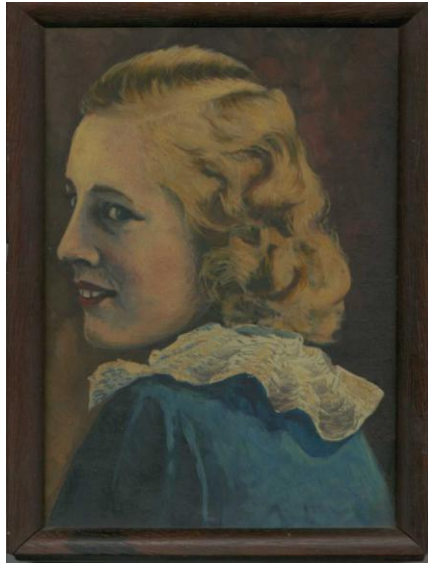


Images: Top left is Mama and Daddy's Marriage Certificate. Above is the plat drawing in the deed for the Samuels Schoolhouse, Dist. No. 11, surveyed Apr 1878, and in 1942 became Mama and Daddy's home.

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Photos: Mama and Daddy, Alice Marie Downs Tatum and Stanley Clifton Tatum.

Daddy was all for us getting a good education and sent us to St. Gregory's Parochial School. Mama was a great cook and had a green thumb in the vegetable and flower gardens. We lived right across from the St. Gregory Catholic Cemetery and it was not unusual for people visiting the cemetery to come over to our house and ask Mama if she minded giving them a few flowers for their loved one's grave. She never refused. Neighbors



and friends bragged on her green thumb. She put a lot of love and a lot of work into it. She often supplied flowers for the church altar. We often brought a bouquet of flowers to our teachers. She was an excellent seamstress, made lots and lots of our clothes and taught several of us girls who were interested in learning how to sew. She occasionally sewed school uniforms for some of the ladies in the parish who had children in St. Gregory School and did not know how to sew. Our neighbor Theresa Houck got a hankering for Mama to make her a dress. It was a beautiful thing, made from a Dotted Swiss cloth and was red and white.

Mama was excellent at crocheting and needle point work too. She made beautiful doilies. Our neighbor May Devers, wife of Eugene Houck made pillow cases and sent them over for Mama to crochet lacing on the ends of them. They were donated to the church picnic and raffled off in their spinning wheel booths.

One day Janie Houck came over intending to return a bible she had borrowed from Mama. She came in without knocking and Mama didn't hear her. Mama was in the kitchen working. When she looked up she saw this beautiful image standing in her doorway. In that instant Mama thought she was seeing an angel. In the angel's hand, held up high for all the world to see, was the Bible. It scared her so badly that she ducked under the kitchen table. Of course Janie apologized over and over. The funny thing is, a few years down the road, Janie became one of the Sisters of Nazareth. Well, a few of them were angels, some were almost devils. After a number of years though, Janie left the convent and married.

Mama always said Daddy couldn't do any kind of a project that didn't involve her in some way.



Photo: From left are Mama's grandmother Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs and Bettie's daughter Mary Martha "May" Downs Bowman and Mama, Marie Downs Tatum.

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Photos: Mama (Marie Downs Tatum) holding Patricia in 1943. Daddy (Stanley Tatum) seated with guitar at home 1954. Bottom left, Daddy and daughter Irma, pretending to be a boy. Bottom right, back row, Grandma, Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs, Marie Downs Tatum and daus., Patricia and Carol.

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Photos: Top left, in 1954, from left, Ellen, Clifton, Irma, Carol and Patricia Tatum, children of Stanley and Marie Downs Tatum, on front porch steps of our home at Samuels. At top right is same group, in same time frame, but in a different order. Below left, Patricia and Carol Tatum in front of tulips planted in a round washtub. Below center, Carol and Patricia Tatum. Below right, Betty Tatum in her patent leathers shoes, which she loved, standing on our front porch at home in Samuels in ca 1956. A keen eye will notice tombstones in St. Gregory Cemetery in the background behind Betty. We loved to skate on that porch.

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Photos: Top left, Patricia in back, Irma and Carol with Ellen and Clifton in front in ca 1954. Top right, Betty, Ellen and Clifton Tatum on 13 Mar 1960. That couch was Clifton's fold out bed for as long as I can remember. I think we got a new one in about 1969. You didn't buy new furniture every time you turn around, like we do today. Center right, Patricia, Carol and Irma Tatum on 13 Mar 1960.

Bottom left photo, Stanley

Tatum with his only son, Clifton kneeling in front of the snowball bush. The left side of our home's front porch can be seen beside the snowball bush. See the old Shell gas pump at the left. Daddy sold gasoline. You worked a long vertical handle left to right, back and forth, and that action pumped gas up into the glass tank which was marked in gallons. Then you put a nozzle into their car tank and pulled the trigger and gravity let the gas flow into their vehicle. The last price I remember before Daddy quit selling it, was 36 cents a gallon. Wouldn't you love to pay that price today.

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Images: All 4 were published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky).

Tatum Reunion Held At Lebanon Sunday, article published 3 Sep 1953, page A5. 134 people are named in the article, you should be able to read them. Mama made potato salad and put it in a bowl that belonged to her grandmother, Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs. Daddy rebuked her because he didn't think the bowl was nice enough for the reunion.

Farnsworth, Tatum on Radio, ad published on 9 Sep 1948, page A1. Uncle Jim and Gang, ad published on 23 Sep 1948, page A8. Round & Square Dance, ad published on 25 Jun 1953, page A4.

Daddy played music in honky-tonks all over Nelson County and beyond. Some of them are: Lincoln Tavern, Yankee Bell's at New Hope, Cabin Inn at Culvertown, The Alibi Club in Lebanon; bars in Loretto and Mt. Vernon; WBRT Radio, the Salt River Annual Picnics, Railroad Inn, the Senior Citizens Club and the Armory, all in Bardstown, WTCO Radio at Campbellsville, The Log Cabin near Shepherdsville, Music Valley and a place on Cissell Ridge. Daddy was very much in demand by the public for these occasions.

Some of Daddy's music buddies were: Johnny Young, Joe Brown, J. D. Farnsworth, Hughley Cornish, Joe Harlan Cissell, Cliddie McKinney, Bobby Scamahorne, James R. "Buddy" Humphrey, Johnny Ford, "Red" Freeman Ingram, "Curley" Cecil Ingram, "Dusty" Felix Perkins Jr., Adrian Mattingly, Alfred Livers, Michael Livers, Huck Rucker, Wendell Cornett, Clyde Broughton, Carl Brown, Kenny Brey, daughter, Irma Tatum; Wally Helton, Hazel Auberry, wife of Less Martin; Kenny Lee, Boggs Hodge, Hank Shelton, Jimmy Cahoe, Mr. Alcorn and Ben Ockerman. Once the Armory gave Daddy \$100.00 for playing there and he was really happy about that. Music was his life aside from his job and family.

**Farnsworth, Tatum
On Radio Every Day**
J. D. Farnsworth and Stanley Tatum, of Bardstown, are playing with the Green River Boys of Campbellsville over Station WTCO Campbellsville, every day except Sunday from 8:30 to 7 a.m. Tune in and hear them.

**Uncle Jim and Gang to be
At Local School Sept. 24**
Uncle Jim and his Blue Ridge Mountain Gang from Station WTCO, Campbellsville will appear in person at the Old Kentucky Home School Friday, September 24, at 7:45 p.m.
Uncle Jim's Gang consists of J. D. Farnsworth, of Bardstown, better known as Cousin Jake, playing the fiddle, and Stanley Tatum, Bardstown, playing the electric guitar. These players were formerly with the Green River Boys.

ROUND & SQUARE DANCE
Every Saturday Night
H&M HALL
Between Holy Cross and St. Francis
MUSIC BY STANLEY TATUM & MELODY BOYS
Featuring J. D. (Doc) Farnsworth, Hot Fiddler
8 to 12
Everybody Invited

Tatum Reunion Held At Lebanon Sunday

The Tatum reunion held Sunday, August 30, at the V. F. W. grounds at Lebanon, Ky., was enjoyed very much by all who attended. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reichle and sons, Arthur, Dewey and George Reichle, Kenneth L. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tatum, Sampson Reddicks, Mrs. Lillie Skimmerhorn and children, Judy, Eva Ethel and Bobby Skimmerhorn, Mrs. Joe Rucine, Bradley Tatum, Hubert Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ray Tatum, G. C. Newcomb, W. T. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tatum and children, Graves Tatum, Clive Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Dro McMillin, Mrs. F. D. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Head, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown, Mrs. Perry Margeson and children, Perry Margeson, Laverne and Earl Lee Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wayne and Mary Will, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor and sons Billy and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Shewmaker and children, Vivian, Martha Joyce, Brenda and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. David Wheeler and Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ray Tatum and children Philys, Lonny, Bobby and Tinsine, Thomas C. Tatum and son, Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Anderson and Bobby and Betsy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tatum, Sr., and three children, Robert Tatum, Mrs. Eva Hayden and children, Jane, Jody, Texie, Betty and Bobby Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tatum and children, Leonard and Jo Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shewmaker and children, Peggy, Boyd Hardin and Allen Blacketer, Miss Dolores Mae Mattingly, Miss Cleo Mattingly and Ade Mattingly, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tatum and children, Patsy, Carroll, Irma, Clifton and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillin and children, Tommie and Stevie, Miss Jane Carroll Clark, George Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Dye and children, Carolyn Anne, Charlotte and Jerry Ray, Mrs. G. E. Tatum and children, Gerald K. George and H. G. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tatum and children Gary S. Micky and Gilbert Isaac, Mrs. Bernard Clark and children Bernard Clark, Jr., and Rose Ann.

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Photo: At right, from left, Ellen and Betty Tatum standing in front of the rain barrel on the south side of our home, the former Samuels Schoolhouse, built shortly after Apr 1878. One time we got some pet turtles from the Behr 5 & 10 Cent Store in Bardstown. I'd dig worms for my turtle, put him in the rain barrel and watch him dive to get them. I thought that was a lot of fun. I was quite the tomboy. And that old schoolhouse, how I hated it. It was one cold house and I was so ashamed of how it looked.



Photo below, back row, Patricia Tatum, middle row, from left Carol Tatum and Kitty Houck, front row Irma Tatum standing in one of the two bedrooms, in our old schoolhouse. See the May Altar to the right of the girls and on the left was Mama's marble top dresser. The May Altar (Coronation of the Blessed Mother Mary in Heaven) dates the picture to late May or early June, as Catholic's celebrated that feast on May 31 in those days, nowadays celebrated in Aug. The marble top dresser was left in the old house when we moved, along with an ornate mantel and an antique wardrobe, which the tornado destroyed. Kitty was our neighbor and almost like a sister.



In 1942 Daddy bought the schoolhouse and property from W. L. Fields, who had bought it from the Board of Education, in 1941. The old schoolhouse was destroyed in the April 3, 1974 tornado that cut a path of destruction one half mile wide through Samuels. It killed Mrs. Eliza M. Bogard in that neighborhood. We had moved out of the schoolhouse three years previous to that and were living on the same property in our new house, which was severely damaged. Had we been in the old house we certainly would have been killed. Only the attic was left, sitting off to the side and a pile of

lumber. We survived the tornado by going into the basement of our new home. We could hear the house coming apart. Mama still had some items stored in the old house. Nothing that was left there survived. When we lived there the blackboard was still up and it was on an inner wall in an area we referred to as the "Cat's Room". Cat's Room was a name that stuck because in earlier times Mama and Daddy had a cat which they kept in that room. She was a gray striped tabby and she had a room named after her! That's more than I had. Isn't it funny the things that get carried down in a family. But back to the blackboard, we enjoyed drawing and writing on it, except the chalk kind of dragged across it. It wasn't smooth like a blackboard you would see today. The blackboard was original to the old schoolhouse. It was not all one piece. It was like individual boards nailed up against each other so it had ridges in it. Several older folks in the Samuels community, Reba Hogan, wife of Joe Byron Hayden comes to mind, used to tell me they went to school in our old house, Daddy did too, for the short duration he attended school.

The school's location is pinpointed by the 1882 Atlas of Nelson & Spencer Counties Kentucky, by D. J.

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Lake and Company. I found the deed where John Shehan donated the land in April 1878 for the school, a one-half acre tract and it showed a crude drawing of the Samuels Schoolhouse. The deed stipulated that when it was no longer a school it was to revert back to John Shehan or his descendants. That did not happen. It stayed a school for about 61 or 62 years. I think the last year of students may have been 1939. In 1941 the Board of Education sold it to W. L. Fields.

In 1942 after Mama married Daddy and moved into the old Samuels Schoolhouse, she and Aunt Annie set about fixing the place up. They wallpapered, painted the ceilings and redid the floors. Annie wanted to proceed with further work, but Daddy wasn't ready to go any further and Mama didn't want to cross him. There was no plumbing in the house.

Daddy and Mama raised a baby pig as a pet. He was the runt of Aunt Annie and Uncle Josh Head's litter. They named him Rudolph. When he grew up they butchered and ate him. I didn't see how you could eat a pet that you had raised from a baby.

In 1948 Daddy belonged to a musical band called, "Uncle Jim and the Blue Mountain Gang". They played music at Campbellsville (on Campbellsville radio station), Bardstown, New Hope, Raywick, Loretto, Liberty, Tompkinsville, and Taylorsville Kentucky. There were four band members, plus a comedian who traveled with them and did his comedy act during their breaks. The four band members were "Red" Freeman Ingram, "Dusty" Felix Perkins Jr., Daddy, J. D. Farnsworth, and "Curley" Cecil Ingram, a brother to Freeman "Red" Ingram. The Ingram brothers were from Taylorsville, and are the only two who are today (April 2000), still alive. J. D. Farnsworth was from Bardstown, across the Nelson County line in Spencer County.



every day except Sunday from 6:30 to 7 a.m. Tune in and hear them.

Daddy was big on us not smoking and drinking. He preached that a lot and it paid off. While most of us probably tried it some, when we were teenagers, today not one of Daddy's children smoke or drink.



The comedian was Woodrow Keeling, who lived just He used the stage name of Joe Cephus Aloysius McGillicuddy in his comedy act. Mama and Daddy would have 3 daughters by this time.

Photos: Above from left, back row, Betty, Marie and Ellen Tatum, front row, Laura and Tony Culver in 1971 in front of our new house. Photo on left, in July 1973 is Marie Downs Tatum. Mama is showing off her Sweet Pea flowers, age 55. This also might be the last picture taken that shows the old Samuels Schoolhouse, which was destroyed by the tornado on 3 Apr 1974.

Published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 9 Sep 1948, page 1. Farnsworth, Tatum On Radio Every Day.

J. D. Farnsworth. and Stanley Tatum, of Bardstown, are playing with the Green River boys of Campbellsville over Station WCTO Campbellsville,

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Daddy was great about doing what he could to bring in a few extra dollars. He sold Knapp Shoes as a side job. People would come to our house. You would pick them out of a catalog that Daddy had. If you didn't know your size Daddy would get the foot measure out and take your measurement. People came from all around to get those shoes. There were samples you could try on. They wore really well and made great work boots. Daddy wore them and they lasted a long time. He had a faithful following for those shoes. The company sent us delicious white mints to hand out and sometimes we'd get to eat a few of them. He even went as far as putting a big sign on the top of our 1960 Ford Falcon advertising them, much to the embarrassment of his children. It would spin in the wind. All of us kids were so embarrassed by that sign. I remember ducking down at times in that car, not wanting to be seen, just hoping to blend in with, what I perceived as, "all the normal people."

When I think back about it, Daddy gave us quite a bit to be embarrassed about. He hung musical instruments on the walls. He had so many of them and they had to go somewhere. He'd call in to party line and say he had milk jugs for sale. He was serious! Not wanting to waste anything must have come from almost starving to death, after the loss of both parents; and going through the great depression without them. Eccentric is a nice way of describing Daddy, a real "one of a kind". He didn't seem to realize that women do not appreciate being asked how much they weighed. We'd all just cringe when he did things like that. I still loved him though as all kids do their parents.

Daddy was about 5' 10" tall, had blond hair and blue eyes and his weight varied anywhere from 200-225. He was a good looking man. However, after he got sick with prostate cancer, he went all the way down to 117 pounds. Nothing tasted right anymore. We tried anything and everything to no avail.

Mama was a pretty woman, about 5' 3" tall, and was of a slender build. She had blond hair and blue eyes. She probably weight around 100 pounds for most of her life. I do remember her hitting 120, at one time and she about died over that, and lost back down. As she aged she lost weight until she was liberally too small, down to about 80 pounds.

Mama. was a fabulous cook. She made great desserts too. Beautiful coconut cream pies piled high with meringue, homemade ice cream, chocolate fudge, jam cakes and fruit pies, just to name a few. In March of 1951 Mama had a birthday party for Daddy. Clifton was a baby and was pulled in the wagon as Mama and all the kids walked to Mamie Dacon's Store, one mile away. They picked up some items for the party. Carol remembers they bought potato chips. On the back of the bag was a recipe for Tuna Casserole. Mama made it for the first time for this occasion. The chips were broken up and sprinkled on top. Everyone loved that dish so much that Mama continued to make it for the rest of our lives. Except I don't think it ever had the chips on top again. Instead Mama crumbled saltine crackers and mixed them with butter in place of the chips. Siblings had to watch each other or one would skim most of the crumbs off the top. On one side of our table was a bench, the ends and other side had chairs. We had unmatched plates and glasses, some of which were claimed by individuals. Irma refused to eat off of one plate that a relative who visited had eaten on, never mind that the plate had been washed many times since.

We all remember mowing grass from about the age of 10. Daddy would mark off an area and we'd mow it. Because we were young and it was very hot, ever 15-20 minutes another sibling would take over. This continued until the whole 1 1/2 acres were mowed. By hand we tore the grass around the trees. It really looked beautiful when you were done, what with all of Mama's flower gardens.

The grocery shopping was always done on Saturday mornings. As soon as we got home and all the groceries were put away, we'd all be very hungry. Mama would make cheeseburgers for a quick lunch. Boy, they were good! I sure would like to have one right now. Sometimes they were served with Campbell's tomato soup which I also loved. I still like it today. Supper was served at 5 o'clock every day. No matter what we had for supper, Mama always made homemade biscuits, boiled potatoes and iced tea with it. On Sundays the potatoes were mashed. She often started a roast on low heat on the stove and would leave that going, while we went to church. Daddy was at home, so it was safe. The older girls would bake a cake and we'd have dinner at about 2 o'clock. As soon as we came in from church, she'd say, "Everybody grab 10 things". Of course, you couldn't just grab them; you also had to put them away. This was how we got the house whipped into shape before company started to show up. Carol would grab

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the broom and start sweeping. I remember Carol with that broom a lot. In those days people just showed up at your house to visit. The older girls were dating by then and the boyfriends would be coming by. Daddy would likely have some company for music, or a trade, or to order shoes, or who knows what? When I think about how quiet my life is now, it was a pretty exciting life then.

I've seen some things from time to time. Two couples from Bardstown came to hear Daddy's beautiful music. One of the men was 3 sheets into the wind. The wife got upset, come to think about it she'd probably been drinking too. She decided he was paying too much attention to Daddy's pretty girls. It went physical and she ripped all the buttons off his shirt. I'd never seen anything like that before. I don't remember being scared, but it was quite impressive. I certainly never forgot it. I believe they were told they would have to leave at that point.

Another Sunday visitor would be Aunt Annie and Uncle Josh Head. Annie was Daddy's sister. They went to church at New Salem Baptist Church near Deatsville. On their way back they usually stop in and visit with us. I have very fond memories of them. Uncle Josh always had a pack of Juicy Fruit chewing gum in his pocket and he'd pull it out and give us a piece. We loved that. One day they brought us a new pet. It was a duck we named Cutie Pie. We had a lot of fun with that duck for several weeks, but then Mama and Daddy decided he need a life on the farm. So back to Annie and Josh he went. We never saw him again. We were told a fox or something must have got him.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), March 12, 1984, page A1 and A6. Human Interest Story, Stanley Tatum Remembers Old Tunes, Old Times, by Randy Burba, Staff Writer.

For Samuels resident Stanley Tatum, a stocky man with a penchant for strumming stringed instruments, life has always been a melody.

In his mind there is a rhyme and reason for everything, and much of it, if not quite all, begins with the age-old tradition of making music.

For Tatum, who will turn 70 on Wednesday, the fascination with music, and his drive to master it, began a long time ago.

"When I was 18 years old, I sent off to Montgomery Ward Catalog and ordered a guitar for \$4," he recalled. "I was living in this area with my parents³, and it was the first instrument I'd ever had.

"In three or four months time I could play the thing pretty good," he said. "I never had a lesson, couldn't read a single note written on a page, but I had a pretty good ear for the strings, and a good memory, too."

With that first guitar, Tatum's desire to learn more about music grew, and as he became older he started to expand his talents.

"I mainly taught myself how to play, but I also spent some time with a lot of very good musicians," He said. "I'd just sit around and listen to them play, and I learned".

"While I was still young, I started playing a little on some of the small radio stations," Tatum said. "I played some on the Bardstown station, as well as Versailles, Campbellsville, and Danville. By that time I could play two instruments, the rhythm guitar and the fiddle."

Shortly after his radio playing days, Tatum took on a second interest. She was from Cedar Creek, and her name was Marie Downs.

But between his job as a mash tub worker at the T. W. Samuels Distillery, and his duties as a father of six children, Stanley Tatum always found time for his music.

As the years passed by, he bought more and more guitars, and he learned how to make special sounds come from each one of them. When that no longer was a challenge, but still a love, he expanded his expertise to instruments like the mandolin and banjo.

"I tried just about everything, pedal guitars and double necked ones, and I could play some songs on all of them," Tatum said. "On some of them I'm not the best in the world, but I can play most anything that has strings on it."

³ Daddy's parents were deceased at this time. He was living with his sister Annie Mae Tatum Head.

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Tatum says he's not sure where his musical ability comes from, but he's glad he bought that first guitar at age 18.

"My uncle used to fiddle some, and they said my mother liked to play the accordion, but I don't know," he said. "I've just always had a good understanding of fretted instruments."

Since the spring of 1976, when Tatum retired from the distillery after "40 years, one month, and eight days", the Samuels resident has had more time to pursue his first love.

"I play at least a little bit every day," he said. "I play for my own enjoyment mostly, but I also play for others, too."

"Sometimes the people around here will ask me to come out and play for a cookout, and I'll do it if they are people I like," he said. "And me and two other fellows have been playing for some of the senior citizens up at the center in Bardstown, too."

"We don't charge anything, but it is sure a lot of fun for us," he said. "They really seem to enjoy it, too. I think we play their brand of music."

According to Tatum, his favorite songs are usually either old standards such as "*Faded Love*" and "*Four Walls*", or Gospel music.

Sitting in his modest home, with his legs crossed comfortably and his brown, felt cowboy hat pulled down low on his forehead, Tatum sings and plays the time away.

Surprisingly, especially for his age, Tatum's voice is very strong. Even on the high notes in "*Beautiful Dreamer*", there are no cracks as the words, like the notes on the guitar or fiddle, come out easily.

His large, thick fingers seem to be unusually supple, as he plays one song after another.

"I'm not sure how many songs I know, but I guess it must be a couple of hundred," Tatum said. "I just play whatever comes to mind, and I never get them mixed up."

After about 15 slow-tempo Gospel songs, one gets the impression that Tatum can no longer "get with it", but once he picks up his fiddle and bow, you learn otherwise.

"Listen to this," Tatum yells as he breaks down on "*The Orange Blossom Special*", in triple-time yet. "A lot of fiddlers can make it in double time, but it gets a little more difficult when you go to hitting each note three times."

Eventually, and all too soon, the concert is over. Instruments lay everywhere, and Tatum is a little out of breath, but obviously pleased with his performance.

"That's not too bad for an old man, is it?" he asks, already knowing full well what the answer will be. "Especially for someone who taught himself."

Photos: Mama and Daddy - Marie Downs and Stanley Tatum with Hazel Dolfinger Tatum, between them. Taken 5 Jun 1995, at home in Samuels. Might be the last photo taken of Daddy. He died that Dec. At right is Mama seated on couch, in Bardstown on 25 Nov 2004.



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Photos: Right is Mama, Marie Downs Tatum holding flowers her daughter, Patricia sent to her, for her 86th birthday in Oct 2003. This is probably my all time favorite photo of Mama.

Below, Mama seated at Kurtz Restaurant; standing from left, Laura Culver Midkiff, Samuel Anthony "Tony" Culver, John and Patricia Tatum Sproul, Betty Tatum Gribbins and Ellen Tatum Smith. We were celebrating Mother's Day on 15 May 2007. The last 10 or 15 years of Mama's life it became a family tradition for us to eat there for Mother's Day and/or her birthday. Wish I could do it again.



Obituary published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Wed. 27 Dec 1995, page A6.

Stanley C. Tatum, 81

Stanley C. Tatum, 81, died Friday, Dec 22, 1995, at his residence in Samuels.

The well known musician was retired from T. W. Samuels Distillery after 41 years and was a member of New Life Christian Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Alice Marie Downs of Samuels; a son, Clifton Wayne Tatum of Bardstown; five daughters, Patricia Anne Sproul of Virginia Beach, Va., Carol Laverne Brey of Shepherdsville, Irma Lois Brown and Ellen Marie Smith, both of Bardstown, and Betty Ann Gribbins of New Haven; a sister, Annie Mae Head of Cox's Creek; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24, at the Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home with the Rev. Carl Brown officiating. Burial was in the Bardstown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Clifton Tatum, John Sproul, Kenny Brey, Bill Smith, Aaron Smith and Timmy Gribbins.

Obituary published at Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home website Mar 2009.

Marie Downs Tatum, 91

Marie Downs Tatum, 91, died Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Flaget Memorial Hospital. History, Mrs. Tatum was born October 16, 1917 in Bardstown and grew up in the Cedar Creek area. She was a homemaker and a member of the New Life Christian Fellowship of Kentucky, Inc. in Louisville. Mrs. Tatum was a loving mother, an excellent seamstress and cook, and was known for her beautiful flower gardens.

Preceded in death by: Her husband of 53 years, Stanley Clifton Tatum; and her parents, Joseph Eugene and Laura Ellen Powers Downs; her paternal grandparents (who raised her from the age of 13 months) Edward and Bettie Essex Downs; 1 brother, Joseph Elmer Downs; and 1 sister, Mary Leona Downs.

Survived by: 1 son, Clifton Wayne Tatum of Bardstown; 5 daughters Betty Ann Gribbins and Patricia

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Anne Sproul, both of Cox's Creek; Ellen Marie Smith of Bloomfield, Carol Laverne Brey of Shepherdsville and Irma Lois Brown of Louisville; 8 grandchildren; 1 step grandson; 7 great grandchildren; 1 step great granddaughter; and 1 great great-grandson. 2 nephews and 2 nieces also survive.

A Funeral Service will be held: Monday, March 9, 2009 at 11 am.

Place: The Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home Officiant with Pastor Carl Brown

Burial: Bardstown Cemetery.

Visitation will be held: Sunday, March 8, 2009 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Place: Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Hospice of Nelson County.

Online condolences may be sent to the family via the website at mannandgreenwell.com

Additional ancestral information on Daddy and Mama can be seen in their 6 generation charts, as defined on pages 116 and 117.

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Generation 2, Stanley and Marie's Children

11. Patricia Anne² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 31 Dec 1942 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jan 1943 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married (1) on 31 Oct 1964 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, divorced **Sam Jerry Culver**, born 8 Aug 1944 in New Haven, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 25 Feb 2008 in New Haven, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 28 Feb 2008 in Marshall Family Cemetery, Culvertown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Samuel Tilton "Sam" Culver and Gladys Marie (Cecil) Culver; (2) on 5 Jun 1976 **John Welch Sproul Jr.**, born 17 Sep 1943 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 9 Apr 2009 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 11 Apr 2009 in Bardstown City Cemetery, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of John Welsh Sproul Sr. (1896-1962) and Katherine Isabelle (Casebier) Sproul (1905-1993); (3) on 7 Dec 2012 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Daniel Floyd "Dan" Spelbring**, born 13 Nov 1942 in Olney, Richmond, Illinois, son of Leonard Floyd Spelbring and Catherine Lucille "Kate" (Runner) Spelbring.

Children of Patricia Anne Tatum and Sam Jerry Culver were as follows:

- 111 Samuel Anthony "Tony"³ Culver**, born 29 May 1965 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 1965 in Immaculate Conception Church, Culvertown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married on 22 Jun 2013 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Abigail Lynn "Abbie" (Perham) Culver**, born 1982, daughter of Ernest Michael "Ernie" Perham Sr. and Linda (Dowling) Perham.
- + **112 Laura Marie³ Culver**, born 9 Jun 1966 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 1966 in Immaculate Conception Church, Culvertown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married and divorced (1) **Phillip Graham Butler**; married (2) **Donald "Don" Keaton Midkiff**.

Notes for Patricia Anne Tatum

At home Patricia was called Trisha. She was born and grew up in the Old Samuels Public Schoolhouse which was purchased by our father, Stanley Tatum in 1942. Winters were brutal in the old Samuels Schoolhouse. She was a shy, quiet child. When she was still young enough to be carried around and Mama was given out, Aunt Annie would take over and carry her up and down the road, which seemed to sooth her. When she was old enough to talk just a little as they huddled around the wood stove for warmth, she would say, "Don't burn arm."

One day when Trisha was about 3 years old Mama decided to let her go out in the yard to play. Daddy had agreed to watch her. A little while later Mama decided she'd better check on them and when she got outside Trisha was nowhere to be seen. Daddy was cutting wood and had completely forgotten that he was supposed to be keeping an eye on her. They got to searching around for her. In the meantime Trisha had decided to run away and she set off down the road dragging her teddy bear "Teddy" by his ear. After a little bit she got tired and decided she's head back. So about that time they saw her coming up the road from the "Tree Fell Down" region. You would just have to be a member of our family to know where that is. Well, I'll try to explain. Two roads converged in front of our house. One went down a steep hill. At one time a huge old tree fell down or came down in a storm and blocked the road. Us kids were highly impressed by that. So for the rest of our lives that road has been referred to as, "Tree Fell Down."



Photo: Trisha in 1945.

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You got to realize, in those days the roads were unmarked, so we had no idea what the real name of that road was. Problem fixed, we named it, "Tree Fell Down".

Another cute story passed down through the family was when Mama was working with Trisha on learning to count. Trisha was still very young, probably not quite 3 years old. The name sake for the "Cat's Room", the gray striped tabby cat had given birth to new baby kittens which she deposited in one of the hen's nest in the hen house. Mama asked Trisha how many kittens are there. Trisha replied, well there's one, and there's one and there's one. And that this how this clever little girl counted her new kittens.

When Trisha and Carol were little and got mad one would start shouting "Ock". The other one would repeat it but a little louder. That continued until somebody finally gave in. Carol would complain to Mama that Trisha was "biseased" at her. A word they created after hearing Daddy talk about a mad dog being diseased. So Trisha was mad and she must be "biseased." Another word these two young girls created was "chuckle". It was a haircut on a woman, whose hair was cut straight off all the way around just below the ears or chin. They wore high-top brown shoes to school, which they disliked. They called them "sah shoes". I'm not sure how sah shoes came about. Over all they were very clever and creative little girls.

She attended St. Gregory Parochial School for 8 years. In those times there was no bus for private education and so Mama walked with her the first few times until she knew the route. Trisha gave the teachers no trouble and was an intelligent little girl, near the top of her class in intelligence.

One not so great memory Trisha has, is of Daddy getting her to pull the plow in the garden. He didn't have a horse. I'm not sure what he was using before her, Mama maybe? When I was really small I remember Daddy hiring our neighbor Alex Jackson Sr., to come with his horse and plow for the initial breaking of the ground in the spring. By the time I grew up he was using a tiller, thank God.

She attended Bethlehem High School for 2 years but graduated from Old Kentucky Home High School in 1961. She attended Nazareth College for 2 years with a partial scholarship. Her English teacher, Mrs. Joan McLaughlin is the one who referred Trisha for the scholarship. She also worked in the dining room as part of it. They ate family style with about 8 girls at a round table. Proper etiquette required you to break your bread into 4 pieces. One day Trisha didn't do that and the Sister supervising the area looked at her and held up 4 fingers. The Sisters were pretty strict. If you went anywhere on the weekend the freshman and sophomores had to be back in house by 10 p.m.

The juniors and seniors could stay out until about midnight.

Daddy bought a piano and Trisha, without ever having any music lessons, learned to play it by ear. She sings too. Looks like she got some of Daddy's music genes. Daddy loved it that his girls were musical. Bet he rubbed his hands together vigorously; something he did when he was tickled or pleased. I often wonder where he got that from, guess we will really never know.



Photo: Trisha's 8th grade graduation in the Old St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Samuels.

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After college Trisha worked as a live-in helpmate to Bonnie Faulkner, wife of Harry Brown of Samuels, Kentucky, who had 5 small children. Trisha was earning some money now, possibly for the first time. That Christmas Trisha bought both Betty and me bracelets. Mine was beautiful with different color stones in it. I loved it and wore it often.

During her first marriage, Trisha lived in Bardstown, for about 2 months. She worked for a short time at Barton's Distillery. It was when she met her 1st husband that her old family name of Trisha, fell by the wayside. Thereafter she was called Pat. They moved to Culvertown into Jerry's mother's home and then to Samuels.

After her divorce she worked in the social services field, helping families learn to manage especially with the food commodities. As a single mother of two small children and needing an income to support her family, she applied for and was hired as the first employee of a brand new factory in Bardstown called Burroughs. While attending a dance at the Whispering Hills Night Club in Louisville, she met the man who would become her second husband, John Welch Sproul Jr. He was in the Navy, where he served for twenty years.

In March 1977, Pat left her job at Burroughs, packed up her two children, Samuel Anthony "Tony" and Laura and moved to Virginia Beach to be near her new husband. The family spent many happy years there. Pat worked for the Civil Service. Upon retiring in 1999 they moved to Dunnellon, Florida. They spent 7 years there.



Photos: Pat with husband John Welch Sproul Jr. and her two children, Tony and Laura Culver. Below, Pat with her husband, Daniel Floyd "Dan" Spelbring.

In Nov 2006, they decided to move back home to Kentucky. They purchased a home on Cross Creek Drive, in the Samuels community.

Tragically, John passed away in 2009.

After being a widow for almost three years, Pat met Dan Spelbring in about March 2012. They live in Bardstown. Dan works part time for a car rental company, because he enjoys staying busy. Dan has 3 children by a previous marriage.



Obituary published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Friday, April 12, 2009, page A3: John Welch Sproul Jr., 65.

John Welch Sproul Jr., 65, Cox's Creek, died Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Louisville.

He was born Sept. 17, 1943, in Louisville. He was retired military and a United States Navy Vietnam veteran. After the service he became a mechanical draftsman. He was a member of Nelson County Baptist Church.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, John Welch Sproul Sr. and Katherine Casebier Sproul; and three half-sisters, Mary Jane Johnson, Martha Sproul and Elsie Sproul.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Patricia Anne Sproul of Cox's Creek; three sons, John Welch Sproul III, Thomas Wayne Sproul, Louisville, and Samuel Anthony Culver, Cox's Creek; three daughters, Laura Midkiff, Cox's Creek, Michelle Brickhouse, Louisville, and Deanna Rupa, Nashville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; a great grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral is 2 p.m. today at Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home with the Rev. Darrell Goodlett officiating. Burial will be in Bardstown Cemetery with a military honors service by the U.S. Navy.

Visitation is after noon today until the time of the service.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Nelson County Baptist Church. Mann and Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Photos: Abigail Lynn "Abbie" and Samuel Anthony "Tony" Culver.

Tony and Abbie were married in Nelson County Baptist Church. Tony works for a cleaning company.



12. Carol Laverne² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 19 Jul 1944 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jul 1944 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married on 15 Jun 1968 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Kenneth Adrian Brey**, born 3 Mar 1946 in Nelson Co., Ky., USA, son of John Green Crepps Wickliffe Beckham Brey and Prudencia Josephine (Nalley) Brey.

Notes for Carol Laverne Tatum

Carol was born in the old Samuels Schoolhouse. In August 1947 when Carol was just 3 years and 1 month old she remembers that Uncle Elmer Downs and his wife the former, Anna Benedetti lived with them. Their stay was about 3 months. Their daughter Rose Marie Downs, was born there. Anna was recovering from childbirth and all the work load fell on Mama. This meant there were 5 children under 5 years of age and at least 3 and maybe 4 of them were in diapers. These were the cloth diapers that you had to wash and there was no running water in that house. All Mama did was labor between meals and dirty diapers. It was a real rough patch for Mama. She probably wanted to "fold up". That was a term Mama used when she was exhausted, "I'm about to fold up," she would say. Carol remembers seeing Anna plait Trisha's hair in braids.

Another of Carol's early memories is of Mama working on reading, writing and drawing with her and Trisha. Mama told Daddy the girls needed a box of crayons. Then Daddy came home with them and how great they were! These weren't the fat kind like they give kids today. These were skinny, with lots of different colors.

Carol was pretty little too when Grandma, Bettie Downs came and lived with us for a while. She was quite old and couldn't see very well, probably due to cataracts. Like most women of that time, she had long hair which she wore up in a bun. Carol wanted Grandma to help her pick out the prettiest doll in the catalog, but Grandma said, "Honey, they's all pretty". Then she added that she couldn't hardly see. That was a wonderment to Carol that Grandma couldn't hardly see.

She attended St. Gregory Parochial School for eight years. She was a quiet, shy and obedient child,

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very smart and gave the Sisters no trouble at all. She remembers sharing the 1st and 2nd grade with Trisha, also 7th and 8th, and that Trisha was near the top of her class in intelligence. Carol was too.

When Carol was about age 10, Uncle Hubert was a frequent visitor. Since he was company, Mama would cook extra good food. He'd been in a play where he acted as Frankenstein. He would re-create the role for the girls and send them into hysteric gales of laughter, but at the same time it scared them. Part of the act involved bringing his false teeth forward to where they almost hung out of his mouth. He also loved to argue with Daddy, typical brothers.

Carol remembers thinking she was weeding the garden, but she had pulled most, if not all of the okra. When Carol was about 10 or 12 she had a birthday party and Trisha and Irma teamed up and bought her nail polish. The name of the polish was Pink and Sassy. She remembers praying for some red shoes and lo and behold, they arrived in the mail. They were a thing of beauty.

Walking to and from school in the winter was a brutal event. It was about 1 1/4 miles to school one way. It was so bitterly cold Carol's feet got frost bitten. They itched so bad. It was about 6 years before she got treatment and recovered from it. Sometimes neighbors in cars would graciously pick them up as they neared the Mamie Dacon Store. When Carol was in 6th grade Mamie Rose Newton, wife of Robert Mattingly, moved into the Samuels neighborhood and she found out that they could ride the school bus.

The three oldest used to pretend that our house was The Tatum College and they boarded there. They had great imaginations.

Photos: Left photo, from left, Carol Tatum, Agnes Mayer and Wanda Welch at the celebration of the Coronation of the Virgin Mary in Heaven. Carol and Wanda were selected to carry a pillow, which had loops on each end, and upon which sat the crown. Agnes crowned the Blessed Mother Mary on her special



day, which in those days took place on May 31st of each year, now Aug. 15th. Middle photo, Carol Tatum in 1945. Right photo, Carol and Patricia Tatum in 1945.

There was a race track near our home. It was on the road we called, "Tree Fell Down". Carol remembers the family going to that event a few times. They had hot dogs and how delicious they were. During the time the race track was running, people in cars heading that way would stop in front of our house, because the road parted there and they didn't know which way to go. The girls would politely go over to the car window and give directions to them. Eventually they got so used to this that they just pointed from the yard to the right road to any cars that slowed down.

One summer when Carol was about 12, Daddy drove to a large field about 1 mile before Bardstown on Hwy. 245. On the right in a large field they picked an enormous amount of blackberries. It must have been

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a bumper crop year. The berries were almost as big as your thumb. Mama canned 60 quarts of them. She also put up 540 quarts of vegetables from the garden for a total of 600 quarts for that year.

The 3 girls created a game they called Safety School. You walked and balanced on a log and to be safe, had to stay on it. Mama would play the devil's advocate and try to temp them off the log. They played baseball with the neighbors Larry, David and Kitty Houck. Carol remembers a time when it escalated into a name calling fight. The Houck's took the bat and ball and went home. That lasted for about a month and then they made up. But while they were still at outs with each other Carol had a birthday party and of course the Houck's were not invited. Carol, Trisha and Irma devised a plan to put tea in empty soft drink bottles and pretend they were having soft drinks. They made sure the Houck's saw that they were drinking soft drinks. Later, Larry Houck pulled Clifton aside and quizzed him about the soft drinks. Clifton being very young maybe about 3-4, told Larry it was just tea, well shucks!

"Shutty Luck" was another family created word, right up there with a Mollie Cap. The meaning of shutty luck is an old beat up car and the sound it makes as it passes by. A Mollie Cap (a toboggan) is defined in detail in Ellen's sketch.

When Carol was in 3rd grade they used to get a Messenger magazine. In that she read a story about a man who rode on a magic carpet. She thinks that may have spurred her imagination for the future development of a fantasy land which she called Noe Guard.

So, at about the age of 12, Carol who was full of imagination, created this place of escape called Noe Guard. Now I might not be spelling it right. Only Carol would really know how to spell it. But I decided to use Noe because we have a great-great-grandmother who was Nancy J. Noe. She married Thomas J. Brown and had George Ann Brown, who is Daddy's grandmother.



Photos: Above left, Carol Tatum in the St. Gregory Cemetery, across from our house, with neighborhood dogs, Fluffy and White Socks. White Socks was one of Casey's pups and belonged to Alex "Sonny" Jackson Jr. and his wife Louise Durbin. Above right, Carol Tatum with Kenny Brey during courtship. You can see the road we called, "Tree Fell Down," actually Mobley Mill Road in the background.

Noe Guard was a land of wonderment. Carol would stand near the well and be transported there. Carol filled her younger sibling, me in particular, with longing to visit Noe Guard. She explained the wonders that existed there. Why there, they had most of the animals any zoo would have and maybe even a few more. There was no end of fun things to do. The water fountains had orange juice in them. David Houck inquired of Carol if they had cowboy suits there and Carol said they had, "a pond full." We cried

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and begged and pleaded to let us go to Noe Guard too, until finally Mama made Carol fess up and tell us it was all made up. I remember being very shocked and very disappointed.

Carol remembers that Daddy said the girls couldn't wear makeup, but thank goodness he changed his mind about that. With the first 3 Daddy was a much more involved and active father. They even went to see a few movies, *Children of Fatima* and *Gone with the Wind*. Afterward they play acted the roles. Trisha was Lucia, Carol was Francisco and Irma was Jacinta. I found myself wondering if we grew up in two different families.

The Tatum Family was one of the first families in the neighborhood to have a television. Neighbors gathered at our house to watch all their favorite shows.

In about 1952, the family took a trip to see the circus. They saw a real live elephant for the first time ever. Clowns were performing tricks and after they got home, Clifton who was only about 2 years old, did his own tricks for his sisters. He'd get on all fours and hold one leg up and hop along. Carol longed for a pet elephant of her own.

One time at Christmas, Mama placed a mail order for a bunch of pot-luck books. They arrived and *The Hidden Staircase*, one of the Nancy Drew Mysteries by Carolyn Keene, was in there and that opened up a whole new world to the girls. Not long after that, on a visit to the Hughley Cornish Family, Carol learned that Bardstown had a library and you could check out books from it for free. That started a very long history of the Tatum family and weekly visits to the library.

In Jan 1953, Mama went to Bardstown Hospital to have a new baby. Carol missed Mama very much and cried at school. Sister Mary Celeste comforted her. Then Mama came home with another little girl, who they named Ellen Marie, after her mother and grandmother. The new baby got very ill with

pneumonia at two weeks of age and almost died. The new baby was the first in the Tatum Family to have a baby bed. All the others had slept with Mama. The baby bed was unknowingly placed under a drafty window in a very bad winter. Carol remembers that Mama sat up all night crying and tending to Ellen. Thankfully, she pulled through and is writing this book. At school, when Sister Ellen Marie found out the Tatum's had a new baby girl and it was named after her, she was so delighted. She had been a missionary in India, but at that time she taught 6, 7 and 8 grade. Sister Ellen Marie sent home a Sacred Heart Badge and a lot of Holy Cards. They never disappointed Sister Ellen Marie by telling her the truth, the baby was not named after her!



Photo: Carol and Kenny Brey on their wedding day, 15 Jun 1968 in St. Gregory School Cafeteria.

Carol attended Bethlehem High School, and transferred to Old Kentucky Home High School as a sophomore. In her junior year she won the National Science Foundation Award. That was a summer scholarship program called the Science Institute. It was held at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The award was only for one student in her school, but she became ill with Rheumatic Fever and did not get to attend. They send Eula Cook in her place. In her senior year, Carol took the College Qualification Test and scored in the 99.9 percentile. She was the highest scoring female in the United

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States that year. She graduated in 1962 with the offer of a full scholarship to Nazareth College and a partial scholarship to Midway College. Her choice was Nazareth College. This was the first time away from home and Carol got homesick. Betty offered Carol a stuffed tiger to take back with her and she did. She graduated from there in 1966, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and with a Major in Business and a Minor in Sociology. That made it close to a double Major.

Photos: At right, Carol Tatum Brey on 25 Apr 2009. Below from left, Patricia, Carol and Irma Tatum on the front porch of our home in Samuels in May 1948.



Carol worked in the field of accounting for many years with the Commonwealth Life Insurance Company in downtown Louisville. Carol surprised Betty and me with several dresses she purchased from the Fashion Shop in Louisville. One of Betty's was a brown polka dotted tent dress. And at Christmas in white boxes lined with tissue paper, for Betty a brown plaid kilt skirt and brown sweater; for me a beautiful 2 piece blue/green skirt and matching sweater; for Clifton a long sleeve, light yellow, dress shirt. All were gorgeous and looked expensive. Since Betty and I were almost the same size we could wear each other clothes so we shared.

She met and married Kenny, who was from Howardstown. They first lived in Louisville, but many years ago built a home on Rams Run Road near Shepherdsville. As an adult Carol decided to go back to school. She received a partial scholarship to Spalding University in Louisville. She completed a Master of Arts in teaching.

They never had any children. They are both retired. Together they enjoy travel and church activities. Carol has at various times been active in her church choir and Kenny was active playing the acoustic guitar there. They played and sang on the local television Channel 21 (WBNA). Carol's husband, Kenny is a descendant of the Nalley family. Aquilla Nally is his 2-great grandfather. Carol descends from Raphael Nally by his second wife, Sarah Howard, making them distant cousins on the Nally line, which they enjoy joking about.

13. Irma Lois² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 29 Dec 1946 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 1947 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 28 Mar 2014 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; buried 31 Mar 2014 in Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married on 3 Jul 1965 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA **William Carl Brown**, born 30 Jun 1941 in Mount Eden, Spencer Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Charles William Brown and Virgie Mae (Harley) Brown.



Children of Irma Lois Tatum and William Carl Brown were as follows:

+ **131** **Thomas Carl³ Brown**, born 4 May 1969 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA.

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He married **Maria Lynn (Lalli) Brown**.

Photo: Irma sitting on Hugh Vittitoe's vault at St. Gregory Cemetery. Years went by and I hadn't seen this picture. What a surprise it was to see it again and realize how much my own daughter looks like her.

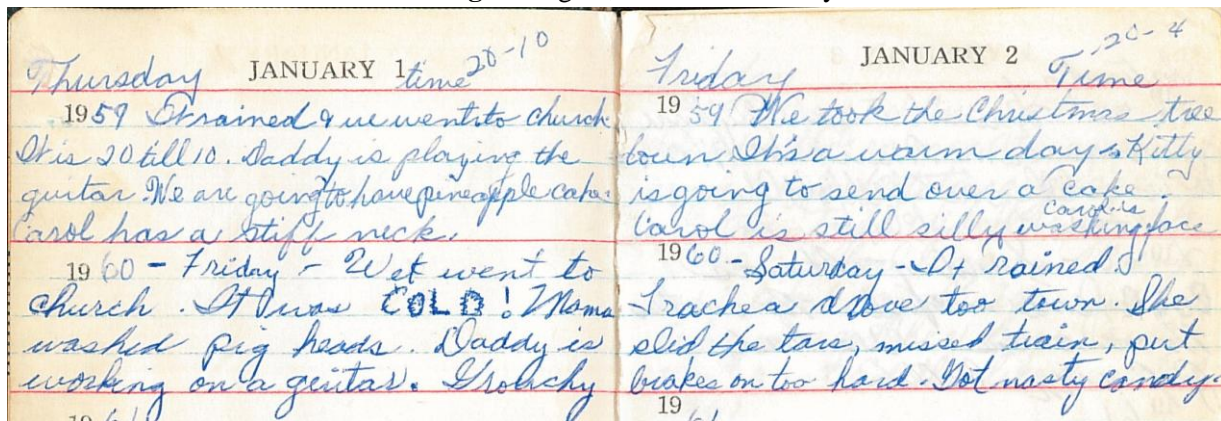
Notes for Irma Lois Tatum

Irma started school at St. Gregory Parochial School, just like all the rest of us, but cried for months and was traumatized by her teacher, Sister Margaret Richard. She'd never been separated from Mama before.

Eventually she adjusted. But in about the 5th or 6th grade she had the meanest teacher in the whole school. That was Sister Mary Olive. Patricia and Carol had survived her, but Irma hated milk and Sister forced her to drink it every day. It got to the point that Irma was in tears every day when it was time for school. Mama took Irma to the doctor and he told Mama to get her out of that school, before she has a nervous breakdown. It was great advice, she thrived at Cox's Creek Elementary and graduated 8th grade there.



Image: Page 1, from Irma's Diary.



In Dec of 1958 Irma got a diary. She was 12 years old. On Jan 3, 1959 she writes, "buried a treasure by the fence". Now I just wonder, what the heck that treasure was. Betty is blessed to have that diary today. We love to read it every once in a while. It brings back such fun memories. On Tuesday, 10 Mar 1959 Irma recorded in her diary the terrible bicycle accident she and Clifton had. Irma was 12 years old and Clifton was 8. Irma was driving the bicycle and Clifton was riding sideways on the bars between the handle bars and the seat. They were going pretty fast down a steep hill, near where Patsy Baxter lived. Clifton accidentally got his foot in the spokes of the front tire. The bicycle flipped end over end. They were both pretty badly hurt. Clifton's shoe was torn up and Irma had a big goose egg on her head. They were able to walk home, but I can remember Irma being in a lot of pain and crying. The bicycle's front wheel was badly bent. I guess Daddy must have put a new wheel on it.

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Photos: Right, all six of us at the piano singing, on 13 Mar 1960. From left, Ellen, Clifton, Betty, Patricia, Carol and Irma Tatum. Below, Carl and Irma shortly after they married.

She attended Old Kentucky Home High School and graduated in 1964. Irma was very athletic. When she was a freshman in high school, she put many of the boys her age down in arm wrestling.

Daddy always said she looked like his aunt, Lizzie Shirley. He meant it in a good way, but Irma hated it. Not because she disliked Lizzie, we never knew her, she died young. She just hated the name Lizzie.

She could be a little bit of a prankster. In one instance our neighbor and friend Kitty Houck, developed a crush on a boy name Ricky. Irma got the bright idea to dress up like Ricky. Meantime Patricia and Carol prepped Kitty for the joke by telling her they saw Ricky walking down the road the day before, and they would certainly let her know if he showed up again. Well, lo and behold, here came Ricky (Irma) strolling up the road throwing rocks and hollering. They ran and got Kitty. Kitty didn't know whether to believe it or not, as Ricky was at some distance, but they had a lot of fun with it.

Irma inherited Dad's musical talent and was an excellent and very strong vocalist, with never a music lesson, but learned by ear. In high school she was invited and accepted the chance to sing on the Bowling Green TV station. She also sang with Randy Atcher on his TV show in Louisville.

After high school but before marriage, she worked a short time at Barton's Distillery.

When she married she moved to Louisville where Carl already lived and worked. Not long after their marriage, he joined the ministry. Eventually, she followed suit. They served for many years ranging across the states of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, New York, Tennessee, and finally back to Kentucky.

She was a great entertainer who sang duets with Carl and her sisters, especially Betty, as well as lead vocals on many songs. She was a very versatile musician playing several instruments, keyboard, dobro, fiddle, harmonica, guitar and steel guitar and accordion. She was also a songwriter. They formed a band called, Carl and Irma Brown And The Stones Of Fire.

They had over 1,500 songs, spending all of their married life in the music business. They performed regularly every Saturday night at the Louisville Opry country music show, which they founded in Louisville, as well as other events in the area.

Tragically, Irma developed a type of COPD called Bronchiectasis, which made breathing very difficult. Then she discovered that she had colon cancer. After initial surgery to remove the tumor in her colon she elected not to take further treatments. The cancer metastasized to her lungs. She died on 28 Mar 2014 at her home in Louisville. Her obituary follows.



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Brown, Irma Lois, 67, passed away on March 28, 2014. Funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday at New Life Christian Fellowship Center, 1110 W. Indian Trail, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation is 6-9 p.m. Sunday at the church. Arrangements by Rodgers-Awkard & Lyons, 951 S. Preston St. Published in The Courier-Journal on Mar. 30, 2014.

Irma is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery, 4623 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY 40213. She is in Section B, Lot 31c. That is directly behind the Evergreen Funeral Home. If you are standing and facing the back of the funeral home Irma's grave is left of Edward and Bertha Bowskill and at Irma's head is Elsie L. and William A. Klier. You can only have flat markers in this section of the cemetery. If you go there in the fall after the leaves have fallen, it can be a little more difficult to locate her grave.



Photo: from left, Irma Tatum Brown and Betty Tatum Gribbins. Betty is holding my granddaughter, Destiny Paige Smith. On the wall in the background is a picture of my daughter, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" Smith.

Carl has a son and daughter by his first marriage with Barbara Ann Matherly. His son, William Scott Brown was born July 26, 1960, in Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married Kathleen A. "Kathy" Cina in 1988. They live in Orchard Park, New York. They have 1 daughter, Alexendrea Ashlee Brown born March 20, 1993. Carl's daughter, Lisa Ann Brown Newby Clarke was born 23 Nov 1964, in Jefferson Co., Kentucky. She resides in Kentucky, is married and I believe, she is a school teacher. She has at least one daughter.

14. Clifton Wayne² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 7 Aug 1950 in Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Aug 1950 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married (1) on 30 Jun 1989 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, divorced **Janice Faye (Cecil)** Tatum, born 24 Aug 1946 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, daughter of Joseph Oscar Cecil and Mary Helen (Ballard) Cecil; (2) on 31 Dec 2000 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA, divorced **Diane Olga (Pierce)** Tatum, born 19 Mar 1955 in Springville, New York, daughter of Albert Thaddeus Pierce and Olga Blanche (Neamon) Pierce; (3) on 25 Apr 2009 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA, **Rita Sue (Toohey)** Tatum, born 18 Jan 1954 in Glasgow, Barren Co., Kentucky, USA, daughter of Lial Toohey and Lennie Mae Johnson Toohey.

Children of Clifton Wayne Tatum were as follows:

- + **141** **Angela Marie³ Masterson**, born 9 Apr 1976 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. Angela's mother is **Rose Ann Price**, born 15 Jun 1950 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 9 Oct 2020 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; cremated, daughter of Elzie George Price and Ruby Lorraine (Curtsinger) Price.

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Notes for Clifton Wayne Tatum

Clifton was born in the old Samuels Schoolhouse. When he was 2 years and 5 months old, Mama got him a new baby sister they named Ellen. The very first time Mama washed Ellen's hair Clifton cried and said Mama broke her hair. So Clifton had a new playmate and he took that little girl and turned her into a tomboy. We drove toy trucks and cars over dirt roads that we build by hand. You could cross your thumbs together and spread your hands out and push through the dirt and get a pretty decent replica of a dirt road. We spent hours playing marbles, and riding horseback, but Clifton was usually the horse.

Photos: Right, Clifton, Ellen and Patricia Tatum in 1954. Below, Clifton in 1957. You can see that Mama patched his breeches in the knees. Below right, Betty and Clifton in front of our gas pump. Irma is in the background and the front end of Daddy's 1950 Ford can be seen.



When Clifton was in 1st grade, at St. Gregory's School, he had a few lines to recite in the Christmas program. He said, "S is for shefords (shepherds) who hurried to find the dear little infant so loving and kind." He did an almost perfect job, except his nerves got hold of him. As he was reciting the lines, he rolled the front part of his shirt all the way up and then back down again. That was so cute.

One scary thing I remember when Clifton must have been about age six, he went up into what we called the orchard and hid in the tall weeds. It did have a few fruit trees, but it was mostly tall weeds. Mama called and called for him and he didn't answer. Everyone was searching for him and finally someone spotted him lying low, hiding. We were all relieved, but I'm pretty sure he got a whipping out of that deal, for not answering when

Mama called him. It scared Mama real bad.

Clifton loved tea so much, they sometimes teased and called him Teabag. He also loved peanut butter and crackers and Mama's canned tomatoes in a pint jar with crushed crackers in it.



All forms of sports were played in the summer, although we may have made our own rules. Winters were for sledding, mostly on the road in front of the house that we called "Tree Fell Down". It had a large

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steep hill.

Local farmers would show up at our house and hire Clifton to help with different types of farm work. He did a lot of pitching hay onto the wagons and into haylofts. He attended St. Gregory Parochial School for 8 years and graduated from Old Kentucky Home High School in 1968. He was drafted into the armed forces and fortunately for him and his family, he was not sent to Vietnam. He served his time in Germany. Things were cheaper there than in the States so Clifton bought Mama a nice set of real silverware. It came in a nice wooden box that was felt lined. She used it on a few special occasions. Shortly after his honorable discharge, he took a position at the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Factory, in Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained until they began permanently laying off their employees. During that time he boarded in Louisville with Mrs. Virgie Bailey. Virgie was Irma's mother-in-law. The tobacco factory eventually shut down their operation, at which time he returned to Mama and Daddy's home at Samuels.



Photos: Right, Clifton and Ellen in yard on north side of our home, petting Casey; other dog, Scotty is walking out of the left side of the picture. St. Gregory Cemetery can be seen in the background. Both dogs belonged to our neighbor Alex Jackson Sr. Below left, Clifton in his service uniform in about 1969-1970. Below right, Clifton and Sue on their wedding day.

He took a position with Barton's Brands Distillery in Bardstown where he is still employed today. Barton was bought by the Sezarec Co. and is currently known as Barton 1792 Distillery. He had a serious fall while working there. Leaning over an upstairs railing he fell about 10 feet and landed flat on his back



on a concrete floor. He spent almost 2 weeks in Flaget Memorial Hospital recovering.

For many years Clifton enjoyed riding motorcycles. Though he had a couple of wrecks, he was never seriously injured. He is happily married, has one daughter and four grandchildren.



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15. Ellen Marie² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 7 Jan 1953 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Jan 1953 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married on 12 Aug 1978 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **William Keith "Bill" Smith**, born 21 Aug 1957 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened in St. Joseph Church, Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Thomas Lee Smith and Mary Catherine (Norris) Smith.

Children of Ellen Marie Tatum and William Keith Smith were as follows:

- + **151 Jorra Nicole "Nikki"³ Smith**, born 23 Nov 1979 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 20 Nov 1994 in New Life Community Church, Cox's Creek, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married (1) **Thomas Franklin Gentry**.
- + **152 Aaron Travis³ Smith**, born 24 Sep 1982 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married **Melanie Susan (Reed) Smith**.
- 153 Vincent Matthew³ Smith**, born 28 Dec 1991 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA.

Notes for Ellen Marie Tatum

I was the first child in this family to be born in Bardstown's new Flaget Memorial Hospital. They used to talk about me costing \$100. That was a lot of money in 1953. Since there was no hospital before Jan 1951, all of my older siblings were born at home. Being born in January of a very bad winter, contributed to me becoming seriously ill, with pneumonia. I was just two weeks old and needed to be in an incubator. The doctor said all the incubators were full. So



there was no room for me. I think that was Dr. A. D. Steely. He sent me home and told my mother I would not live through the night. He pointed out that my eyes were already sinking back into my head. Obviously I did pull through, probably because of my Mother's prayers and diligent

nursing.



Photos: Above left, Ellen Tatum in 1957. Above right, Clifton, Ellen and Betty Tatum, posing in the cemetery for our picture. Look what a ragamuffin I was! All I cared about in those days was having fun.

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When I was just old enough to walk steady and talk some, I came out of the kitchen, climbed up into Mama's lap and said, "I didn't do nothing." Mama sent my sisters into the kitchen to see what I did and all four of the gas burners were going.

Carol was like a second mother to me when I was a baby. She bathed and dressed me up like I was her doll. She pampered and played with me. I had a lot of pretty dresses and as soon as she would get me all cleaned up, I'd go play in the dirt and get all messed up again. After one such occasion, Larry Houck gave me black liquorice candy braids. The black slobbers ran all the way down my clean beautiful dress. She would carry me and pretend we were on a merry go round. Around and around the maple tree we went.

When I was 4 years old, Carol was working with me on religious matters and the fact that God made me. She

asked me who made me and I said, "A horse."

The religious problems would continue. Uncle Bob, Robert Opal Tatum died and he was a Baptist. His funeral was held at the Baptist Church in Springfield. Already at that tender young age, I was absorbing the Catholic doctrine. We attended church every week. Anyway, I knew, or thought I knew, that we were not supposed to be in that Baptist Church. The preacher said something about Adam in the garden with Eve and in my little mind I just knew I should not listen to a word he said. So I said out pretty loud, "He did not!" Mama gave me a dirty look and put her finger to her lips to be quiet. The preacher went on talking more about Adam, and I said, again, out very loud, "That's a lie!" Mama punched me in the side with her elbow and gave me a look. She told Daddy she might need to take me outside. That was enough. I knew it was over. I sat there quietly for the rest of the service.

I don't know if it was that same trip or another, but we were in Springfield, setting at a lunch counter on stools, getting a bite to eat. That was a first, so impressed was I at being in a restaurant, that I remember it to this very day.

Photos: Top, from left, Betty and me, Ellen Tatum in the cemetery. Left, me, hand stitching an apron for my 4-H project, on the back doorsteps of our home, age 10. I loved being in 4-H. We did so many fun things.



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We had never eaten in a restaurant before. And I don't think it happened again, until probably, I was an adult taking Daddy out to eat. We did go on occasional picnics though.

Since before I entered the first grade, I suffered with asthma. When it got really bad, usually in the middle of the night, Daddy and Mama would drive me to Dr. T. G. Forsee's house. He would give me a shot and it would subside. He asked Daddy if I ever had pneumonia. Since I had, that impressed Daddy and he decided that Dr. Forsee was a smart and good doctor, so he became our family doctor.

Photos: Right, I have no picture of myself in a sun suit, but here is a picture of our daughter, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" in one. See all the cute ruffles on the backside. Far left, Bill and I on our wedding. Below, Bill and I with Mama and Daddy on our wedding day.



I'm told that I had a lot of beautiful dresses when I was young, a pink drop-waist dress and beautiful sun-suits. Some were made by Mama and some came from a cousin, Julianne Janes.

I started first grade with Sister Mary Laura. One of my memories was of her scolding me during prayers because I couldn't hold still long enough to get through prayers. Evidently I was a wiggle worm.

A funny thing I remember is when us kids had a disagreement with Mama and we'd be ready to make up we'd say, "Mama, I guess so." That all we have to say and all was forgiven.

I wrote earlier about our love of going to the library. The dearest book to me when I was young was probably *Beanie* (1953) by Ruth and Labrobe Carroll. It was the story of Beanie Tatum and his quest for a pet of his own. We loved that book because we didn't know many people with the name Tatum and here was a whole book about a Tatum family. We must have checked that book out a dozen times. My children bought me all 6 books in the series.



I spent a lot of happy hours playing with my siblings and the neighborhood children growing up in Samuels. We roamed far and wide on foot and later on bicycles. For many years we only had the one bicycle. It was a crazy mix of colors, a boy's 28 inch. It had been painted so many times and colors, most of which were still showing through. It was one ugly bicycle, but we still loved riding it. Daddy got it in a trade. He traded often with his friends and

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acquaintances, sometimes negotiating for a couple of hours in our living room. Most of his trades were about musical instruments. I learned to ride that old bicycle when I was about 7 years old. In the beginning I had to have a little help getting on it. Eventually I learned to run forward with it and put one leg on the peddle and swing the other leg over.

Photo: Below, Ellen Tatum Smith at home. We lived in the mobile home park at 203 Greenfield Ave., Bardstown. This picture of me is one of Bill's favorites. I crocheted the afghan behind me.

I had several pets, including a baby squirrel, a pony, cats, dogs, turtles and fish. Then there was my cat Golly. Golly was a grey tabby, stray, female, which started showing up at our house. But there was a problem, she was wild. I'd get a little milk and set it down beside me, just far enough away that she couldn't resist. It took a while but I kept that up until we were best friends. The next step was getting her into the house. I was successful with that too. Golly would catch a mouse and hang on the screen door with it until you came out and admired it. Then she would eat it. Mama stored our dirty clothes inside the washing machine's tub until wash day. One morning when I was fixing to leave for school, Golly kept insisting she wanted to lay in those clothes. Mama kept saying get her out.



She was not a full time house pet, just an occasional guest. Golly kept getting back in. Finally I looked at her in there and it hit me she was going to have kittens in there. So I told Mama, who scooped her up and deposited her out on the front porch. Meantime the bus was there and I had to run and get on it. All day long I worried about Golly. When I got home sure enough she had 3 kittens. The first one had rolled out almost as soon as Mama dumped her out the door. Golly took her kitten and crawled up under the house and had 2 more. They grew up just fine and we found good homes for them. We named them Uno, Dos and Tres. The best pet dog didn't even belong to us. That was Casey, a collie, and she belonged to Alex Jackson Sr., our neighbor. I never knew a more faithful pet. She came up and visited us daily. We all loved that dog! She gave us many happy years. She died beside Daddy on our carport up at our new house. She was up in age by then and her heart just gave out.

Daddy's half-brother, Bradley Tatum never married. About once each year he would come spend a few days with us. Sometimes he had a bag of candy for us kids. He also entertained us with jokes and tricks. Our home only had 4 rooms. One day when we were about to bed down, Uncle Bradley inquired, "What's the quickest way out of here?" One of us replied with long details which took him through every room several times and up through the attic too. Another said, "Butler, show him out." One day when I was still very young, maybe about 5, I was outside playing and I accidently walked into a spider web. I started screaming. Mama came running. Uncle Bradley who was outside with us kids, said, "Marie, I didn't touch her, I swear I didn't touch her." Mama couldn't see the spider web and didn't know what I was screaming about. After I grew up I found out about a surprising history that made perfect sense that he would have reacted in that way, and Mama too.

When I was about 10 years old Clifton and I were playing at the back part of St. Gregory Cemetery, which was across the road from our home. Some men from the church had trimmed some tall bush in the area. I fell on a sharp pointed stalk and cut a deep gash in my knee. Clifton picked me up and carried me home. As he picked me up and the knee bent he told me he could see the bone. Daddy and Mama loaded me up and drove me to Dr. Forsee, where he stitched me up. I still have that scar.

On rare occasions we stopped the Donaldson Truck to buy pastries. That was quite a treat. When Betty and I were maybe 10 and 12 years old, we got a brand new girls' bicycle. Mama saved up her Top

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Value Stamps until we had enough. So one day we made the exciting trip to Louisville to pick it up. We literally wore that bicycle out. One day when I was at least a half mile from home riding it, that thing broke in two pieces and dumped me in the road. Thankfully, I was going slow and didn't get hurt. I couldn't just leave it there so I had to roll the back end and carry the handlebar end all the way home. I remember Clifton laughing hysterically at the same time as he was asking me what happened. That was the end of our Top Value Stamp bicycle.

It was also long about this time that Daddy took us on a trip up to Anderson Co., Kentucky on the other side of Chaplin and showed us the spot where a young girl named Wanda Lee Hughes (1935-1950), had been disposed of in a shallow grave, after she was murdered. She was only 15 years old. That stayed with me all these years.

After school in the spring and summer we worked in the garden. We planted the seeds and Daddy carefully demonstrated exactly how he wanted it done. Another thing we did that stands out in my mind is that Daddy would give each of us an empty tin can. We'd pick the potato bugs off and drop them in our cans. We'd also be given a small container of fertilize and we'd sprinkle a handful around each plant, making sure it didn't touch the plant. When the tomatoes came in, there was lots of work, picking, washing, scalding and peeling, boiling, jarring, sealing, and pressure cooker processing them. It was not unusual for Mama to put up 300 half gallon jars of tomatoes. The bulk of the canning work fell on Mama. Of course we canned green beans, corn and to many other things to mention them all. There were apples and cherries. In a good year, we would have peaches. A lot of the years the peach blossoms froze out in a cold snap. All of these jars were stored in the Cat's Room. On the very coldest winter days they had to be moved into the kitchen or they would freeze. There was no heat in the Cat's Room. Occasionally we would dig Sassafras root and boil a tea from them. It really tastes good. I enjoyed it.

My best friends in the neighborhood were Bede Portman and Connie Jackson. But I had a lot of very good school friends too. In fact, almost every last girl I went to grade school with, I was close to at one time or another. I also had a lot of high school friends.



Photos:
Bill holding Vince in May 1992, one of my favorite pictures of Bill. Me, Ellen Tatum Smith in about 2004.



I spent my first 8 years of school with the Sisters at St. Gregory Parochial School, another 2 years at Old Kentucky Home, and the last 2 years at Nelson County Senior High School, graduating in 1971. I pretty much liked school, especially the playtime where we jumped rope and played baseball. I used to get the rope off of the bales of hay and braid them into a jump rope.

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High school was fun, except for some older boys, who teased me a lot. But that's another sad story that I don't want to divulge into right now. After the strict Sisters for 8 years, and the advanced work we did there, high school seemed like a breeze. Typing was just plain fun and I took 2 years of that with Hazel Geoghegan as the teacher. I had a study hall all 4 years and the teacher for that was Mrs. Betty Graham. She was coach Milton "Red" Graham's wife and she was as mean as him. There was absolutely no talking allowed, therefore I usually did my homework. I really started to focus on my social life and all the new friends you meet when you go from a small school to a large school.

I did a lot of babysitting, but my first real job was in 1971, after school at Jones' Restaurant as a salad girl.

I spent two years working at Nationwide Uniforms, a sewing factory in Hodgenville. I was a serger, which is one of the first steps. It binds the edges and stops raveling or stretching. It was piece work. Production was just over a thousand pairs of pants a day. We made uniforms for police, postal workers, etc. I liked that job pretty well as many of my high school friends worked there too. Once you got the hang of it, you could talk all day to your co-workers while you worked. The fast pace made the day fly by.

From there I went to Bardstown Manufacturing Company, which was the name of Bardstown's sewing factory. I was only there about 6 months. They put me on floor work, passing out bundles to the seamstresses. I walked on concrete floors for 8 hours a day and it was very hard on my feet. I didn't much care for that job.

I worked for several years as a cocktail waitress at the Holiday Inn and The Old Stables. Both of those jobs were very fun, and I was constantly meeting new and exciting people.

In 1977, I met the love of my life, William Keith "Bill" Smith and we married on 12 Aug 1978. We lived at 203 Greenfield Ave., in Bardstown. In May 1980 we purchased a home at 809 Kurtz St. in Bardstown. We lived there 28 years. In Oct 2008 we purchased our current home at 1270 Thomas Lane, Bloomfield. It is a beautiful place with lots of wildlife. Not long after we moved here, I watched out my living room window as a red fox hunted, less than 10 feet from me. He was pouncing around in the fall leaves, trying to catch a mouse or some small rodent. I watched him for about 20 minutes before he trotted off into the woods. We see lots of deer. We have a pond full of beautiful Koi fish, which love to be fed.

Photo: From left, front row, Vince, Ellen, and William "Bill" Smith, back row, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" holding her daughter Paige, and Aaron Smith in 1998.



It didn't take me long to find out that my husband could fix almost anything. That was sort of a foreign concept to me, as Daddy only repaired guitars. One morning before I left for work I announced the dryer was broke and I'd have to get a new one. When I returned in the afternoon my dryer was strung out down the hall in pieces and I remember thinking, I'll certainly be getting a new dryer now. But in about 2-3 hours he had that thing back together again and running just fine. That was just the first of many things he has fixed.

In the early years of our marriage, I was blessed to get to be a stay at home mom. I enjoyed our children to the fullest amount. I loved to take them swimming in the summer. We would ride bikes as a

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family across town, and go on picnics frequently. However, I did work a few part time jobs. Among them I was a clerk in the office at the Bullitt County Stock Yards for the Saturday morning livestock sales. A distant cousin, Larry Lee Russell, was the owner/operator and he was great to work for as well as the other girls in the office. I really liked that job, but after Larry sold the place, the new management had a serious drinking problem and working there became very difficult.

I took a job with Manpower Temporary Services. They sent me to several factories to help in the office. I loved that job too, because I never knew from one day to the next what I would be doing.

I worked as an assistant to a local Veterinarian in Bardstown for about a year, where part of my duties were dog grooming. After leaving the veterinarian I continued the dog grooming as a part-time business for about ten years.

I did volunteer work in the Bardstown City Schools where one year I received the "Volunteer of the Year" award. In looking back I am happiest about the time I was able to spend raising my children.

In 1996, I got the genealogy bug and have had it ever since. It didn't take me long to discover that I was my husband's 4th cousin. We both have ancestral lines that have been in Nelson County from its inception. Our common ancestors are Francis Exavier Downs and Raphael Nally.

I published several statistical genealogy data books, most of which I gave the right to our local genealogy club, of which I was a member.

In 2007, I joined the Nelson County Public Library as a part time volunteer in their Genealogy Room. In 2008, I was hired for that position part time. In Jan 2014, I became full time and I am still there today Feb 2021, as the Head Genealogist.



In 2008, I took a second part time job working one day a week in the old records at the Nelson County Clerk's office. I left there in 2014 when I became full time at the library. I really enjoyed my two jobs.

Bill and I were blessed with three wonderful children, 2 granddaughters, 2 grandsons and 1 great-grandson.

At one time, I was a member of the Nelson County Genealogical Roundtable, serving as their editor, and a member of the Cox's Station DAR (Daughters of Revolutionary Soldiers). Today I am still an avid genealogist.

In late Dec 2010, I discovered a mass about the size of a golf ball in my right breast. I was immediately alarmed. I had neglectfully not scheduled a mammogram that year. I was 57 years old and had no family history of breast cancer, so I guess I thought I had the, Get Out of Jail Free Card. I made an appointment with my gynecologist and in Jan 2011, I was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma In Situ HER2 Negative Breast Cancer in my right breast.



Photos: Above, Ellen Tatum Smith holding our son, Vince Smith in 1992. Left, Bill and Ellen Tatum Smith on 15 Jun 2002, in Nashville, attending our daughter's wedding.

It was recommended that I have a right simple mastectomy, which I did in Feb 2011. In July I got a

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silicone gel implant. Everything went well and so far so good. I actually got very lucky that my cancer was still in the curable stage. Lesson learned here, ladies, do not skip your annual mammogram.

Bill grew up in the Maple Hill section of Bardstown with 12 brothers and sisters. He attended St. Joseph Parochial School and Bardstown High School.

Very soon after high school he worked for a company in Bardstown called Bird & Sons. He was employed there for approximately twenty-one years.

Shortly after getting married he went back to school and obtained an Associate Degree in Electronics at the United Electronics Institute on Dixie Highway in Shively. He graduated in the fall of 1980. After getting his degree he joined Bird's Maintenance Department as an Electronic Technician.

In May of 1996, he went to work for Jideco of Bardstown as a Maintenance Technician. At the request of a friend, he went to work as an Applications Engineer for Mosier Fluid Power in March of 1999.

During the economic slump of 2003, he was laid off and went to work at Katayama of Shelbyville as an Electrical Engineer for one month, then back to Jideco (later to become Mitsuba) as a Maintenance Group Leader.

When the economy continued to deteriorate, Mitsuba announced a massive cutback in 2009 that everyone felt would lead to an eventual closing of the plant. Bill left his job at Mitsuba and took a job as an electrician at American Fuji Seal, another Japanese owned Bardstown factory.

Seven years later in the summer of 2016, Bill went back to work for Mitsuba, which had once again started to prosper, as an Automation Specialist.

Bill is devoted to his family. His current and past hobbies are hunting, wood working, genealogy, computers and reading.

Bill had 3 hospitalizations for pneumonia in the 1990's. We think those may have been related to a chemical he was exposed to in the work environment. Like more than half of his siblings, he suffers from a form of Lupus Anticoagulation which causes the blood to clot easily. He was hospitalized twice for blood clots. The second time on 10 Oct 2010, was the most severe and life threatening, with clots in both lungs and the area in-between.

On 13 Jan 2017, he underwent Triple By-Pass surgery, after having a mild heart attack, days before. Further testing by Cardiac Catheterization showed one complete and two partials blockages. He has fully recovered and is doing fine today, thank the Lord.

Photos: Above right, at Aaron's wedding, from left, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" Smith Gentry, Ellen Marie Tatum Smith, Vince, Aaron, Melanie Susan Reed Smith and William "Bill" Smith. Above left, back row, Aaron, Bill, Vince and Paige Smith; and Chris Lefavour. Middle row, Ellen Marie Tatum Smith, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" Smith and husband, Thomas Franklin "Tom" Gentry. Front row, (Aaron's family) Kylie, Paul, Melanie holding Clint, and Brandon Trevor Smith (Paige's son, our great-grandson), on Thanksgiving Day 2020. Above right, Vince Smith on 16 May 2011. He is single, works for UPS and lives in Louisville, Ky.



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16. Betty Ann² Tatum (Stanley Clifton¹), born 30 Nov 1954 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened Dec 1954 in St. Gregory Church, Samuels, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married on 1 Jun 1973 in St. Vincent DePaul Church, New Hope, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA **Joseph Timothy Gribbins**, born 30 Dec 1951 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Kenneth "Shorty" Gribbins and Elizabeth Ann (Clayton) Gribbins.

Children of Betty Ann Tatum and Joseph Timothy Gribbins were as follows:

161 **Joseph Todd³ Gribbins**, born 1 Nov 1973 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened in St. Vincent DePaul Church, New Hope, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA.

Notes for Betty Ann Tatum

Betty was born in Bardstown. When she was about 3 or 4 years old Mama couldn't find the grocery



list anywhere. Mama was in a state looking for it, asking everyone where it was. Betty overheard Mama and said she'd get it. She opened a drawer in the Hoosier metal cabinet, which she had laid claim to, and pulled out Mama's grocery list. We were all amazed. Mama told Carol to see what else she had in that drawer and they found a moldy hot dog. Now she was too young to read, so how'd she know it was the grocery list and why had a child that young confiscated the grocery list to begin with. But it seems it might have set the tone for her business nature.

Photos: Above right, Betty picking flowers. Our home can be seen in the background. At left, Betty Ann Tatum playing dress-up. At right, Betty in the winter of 1960, in front of the well, where we got our water.



Another cute thing

I remember about my baby sister was how she loved her shiny patent leather shoes. She would beg to wear them for everyday. She even slept in them on occasion. And even when still very young she always wanted to be in pretty dresses.

She attended St. Gregory Parochial School in Samuels for 8 years. In grade school she sang in the church choir and in 6th grade directed the choir.

When Betty was 10 years old she had a horrible wreck on our bicycle, going down a large hill on Mobley Mill Road near Wilmer Fulkerson's house and near the spot where our grandfather Howard H Tatum had been murdered. The road had fresh gravel on it and in some places the gravel was deep and

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hadn't packed down yet. Her bicycle started picking up speed and she started swerving in the loose gravel and flipped over sideways.

The fresh gravel torn in her flesh and she was severely injured. Clifton was with her and so was Bede



Portman. They could see the bone in her knee. Blood was everywhere. Clifton picked her up and started carrying her home. They were about a mile from our house. Thankfully, Patsy Fulkerson stopped her car. At First she thought there had been a bad fight. They loaded Betty up in her car and she drove them home. Daddy drove Betty to Dr. T. G. Forsee and she had to have 4 stitches in her head and 5 stitches in her knee. Her left hand had cuts all over it. Dr. Forsee couldn't

believe it was a bicycle accident. He said it was the worst bicycle accident he'd ever seen. He thought she been in a car wreck.

Photos: All are Betty. She is holding Kenny and Christine Greenwell's dog Fluffy and cooking for a 4-H project. At right, age 11, on our bicycle we got with Top Value Stamps. The color was turquoise and it was a beautiful thing. The rib tickler top she's wearing came from the Dollar General Store and the hat was mail ordered from Sears or Alden's Catalog. Mama made occasional orders from National Bellas Hess too. I remember being very excited when packages would arrive in the mail.

She attended Old Kentucky Home High School for 1 year and 3 years at Nelson County Senior High School, graduating in 1972. She focused on business courses in high school. That led Betty to accept a position as a legal secretary with the law firm of Huddleston, Van Zant and Coyle, in Elizabethtown. She was a wiz at typing, over 100 words a minute and very accurate too. She worked there over nine years.

In 1981, she accepted a position with John Saltsman's law firm in Bardstown. He was fresh out of law school and Betty was on the ground floor helping him to set up a brand new practice. Part of Betty's job



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with the Saltsman law office was running errands, like picking up the mail at the post office or running something over to the County Clerk's Office. So she was in and around town often during that period. Most Sundays us kids would go back home and visit with Mama and Daddy.

Daddy told a funny story about being in town shopping and doing his errands and seeing a really beautiful, tall, blond haired lady coming down the street towards him. My, she was such a nice looking lady and when she got a little closer, guess what? It was his daughter, Betty! I still laugh about that every time I think of it. I guess it's just natural to like your own genes.

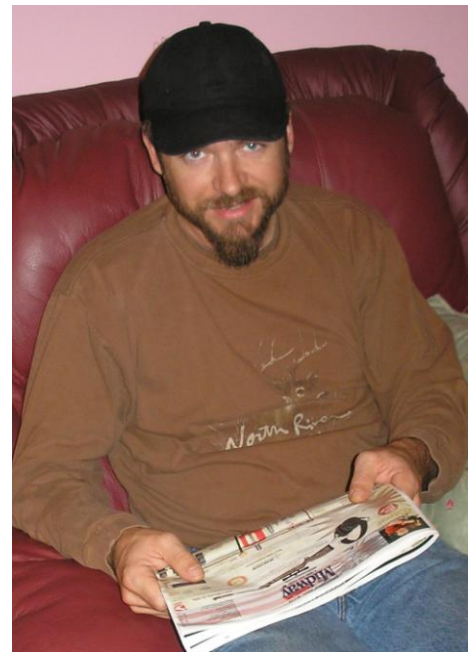
After many years with John Saltsman's firm, Betty took a position as an executive secretary with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Health Corporation.

For over a year Betty worked for Hospice of Nelson County. She missed the field of law and in the year 2000 went to work at a large law firm in Louisville, Greenebaum Doll & McDonald.

In 2010, she went to work at Middleton Reutlinger Law Firm. Betty retired in Oct 2020. She loves retirement.

Like several of her siblings before her, she inherited Dad's musical abilities. She plays the Dulcimer, Ukulele and Piano. She is active in her church and sings on the worship team.

Tim, in his early years was employed building silos. Next he worked at Marion County Cooperage in Lebanon. His favorite job was with Hidden Hollow Construction. He is now retired. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, yard work and gardening.



Photos: Top right, A young Tim and Betty at the prom in 1971. They look so cute. Those were such fun times. Above, Tim, Betty and Todd Gribbins, Thanksgiving 2005 at their home near Deatsville. Right, Betty and Timmy's only child, Todd Gribbins. He never married nor had any children. He is currently helping out a taxidermy shop near New Hope.

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Generation 3, Stanley and Marie's Grandchildren

112. Laura Marie³ Culver (Patricia Anne² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 9 Jun 1966 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 1966 in Immaculate Conception Church, Culvertown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married (1) on 15 Jun 1985 in Portsmouth, Virginia, USA, divorced **Phillip Graham Butler**, born 13 Dec 1958 in Virginia, USA, son of Julian Mason Butler and Maxie Jane (Graham) Butler; (2) in 1996 **Donald Keaton "Don" Midkiff**, born 17 Oct 1960 in Meadow Bridge, Greenbrier Co., West Virginia, USA, son of Elmore Lee Midkiff and Vera E. (Helmick) Midkiff.

Children of Laura Marie Culver were as follows:

- + **1121 Jeffrey Glen "Jeff"⁴ Davis**, born 11 Sep 1982 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA. Jeff's father is **Leo Glenn Davis**, born 4 Jun 1965 in Norfolk, Virginia, USA, son of William Nickles "Bill" Davis Sr. and Norma Leona (McDorman) Davis. Jeffrey married and divorced (1) **Samantha Tracy (Riley) Davis**. His companion is **Kelsey Anne (Womack) Lowery**.

Notes for Laura Marie Culver

Laura and Don live in Dunnellon, Florida. Laura is retired and Don is a construction manager for The Middlesex Corporation, a road building company.



Photos: Left is Patricia Anne Tatum Sproul between her children, Laura Culver Midkiff and Samuel Anthony "Tony" Culver with Laura's son, Jeffrey Glen "Jeff" Davis in Samuels, Kentucky in June 1996. Right, Laura at Betty Ann Tatum Gribbins' home on Thanksgiving Day in 2009. Lower Right, Laura and Don Midkiff in ca 2015.

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131. Thomas Carl³ Brown (Irma Lois² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 4 May 1969 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married on 27 Jul 1997 in Orchard Park, Erie Co., New York, USA **Maria Lynn (Lalli) Brown**, born 29 Jun 1963 in Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, USA, daughter of Victor Roger Lalli and Louise Marie (Grohman) Lalli.

Children of Thomas Carl Brown and Maria Lynn Lalli were as follows:

- 1311** **Conor Thomas⁴ Brown**, born 19 Aug 1999 in Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, USA; christened 9 Apr 2000 in Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, USA.
- 1312** **Kiara Nicole⁴ Brown**, born 7 Jul 2001 in Buffalo, Erie Co., New York, USA.



Notes for Thomas Carl Brown

Tommy is employed in the field of sales, but music is in his blood. He's a drummer and has been since he was very young. He and the various bands he has been with, won several awards for their musical talents. Their son, Conor is a gifted artist just like his grandfather, Maria's dad, and Kiara is very athletic. They reside in western New York, not far from Buffalo, near where Tommy grew up.



Photos: Left, Kiara Brown receiving softball trophy. She looks so much like her grandmother Irma Tatum Brown. Right, Conor holding one of his fabulous paintings. Above right, Maria and Tom Brown, accepting a Buffalo Music Hall of Fame Award for his fabulous drumming abilities.

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141. Angela Marie³ Masterson (Clifton Wayne², Stanley Clifton¹), born 9 Apr 1976 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. Angela's mother is **Rose Ann Price**, born, 15 Jun 1950 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA; died 9 Oct 2020 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; cremated, daughter of Elzie George Price and Ruby Lorraine (Curtsinger) Price never married.

Children of Angela Marie Masterson were as follows:

- 1411** **Brittany Nicole⁴ Masterson**, born 15 Sep 1994 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. Brittany's father is James Chad Chaney born 16 Jan 1974 Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of J. C. Chaney and Martha Faye Leake.
- 1412** **Alexis Desiree⁴ Masterson**, born 3 Aug 2000 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. Alexis' father is Charles Jason Mattingly born 21 Dec 1980 Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Charles H. Mattingly and Janet M. Metcalf.
- 1413** **Destiny Marie⁴ Linton**, born 28 Jan 2004 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. Destiny's father is James Anthony "Jamie" Linton born 27 Apr 1977 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Thomas Linton and Martha Jean Humphrey.
- 1414** **Brennon Christopher⁴ Hardin**, born 1 Mar 2012 in Norton's Hospital, Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Brennon's father is Christopher Ryan Hardin born 1 Oct 1976 in Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of David Norce Hardin and Donna Marie Back.

Notes for Angela Marie Masterson

Angela is employed in the field of health care.

Photo: Angela Masterson with her mother and children on 18 May 2018, the day of Alexis' high school graduation. From left, Rose Ann Price Masterson Dotson, Destiny Marie Linton, Alexis Masterson, Brennon Hardin, Angela Masterson and Brittany Masterson.



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151. Jorra Nicole "Nikki"³ Smith (Ellen Marie² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 23 Nov 1979 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA; christened 20 Nov 1994 in New Life Community Church, Cox's Creek, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA. She married (1) married on 15 Jun 2002 in Music Row Wedding Chapel, Nashville, Davidson Co., Tennessee, USA **Thomas Franklin Gentry**, born 21 Sep 1957 in Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Tom Clarke Gentry and Mary Nell (Nichols) Gentry.

Children of Jorra Nicole Smith were as follows:

- + **1511** **Destiny Paige⁴ Smith** born 29 Jun 1996 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Paige's father is **Mark Anthony Clark**, born 16 Nov 1977 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Francis Chester "Teen" Clark Jr. and Gloria Ann (Newton) Clark.

Notes for Jorra Nicole Smith

Her immediate family calls her Nikki. She is a former pharmacy technician. Tom was a former pressman for the Stry-Lenkoff Company and served in the U.S. Air Force. He has 2 sons by a previous marriage, Shaun Thomas Gentry born 11 Feb 1984 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA and Joshua Clarke "Josh" Gentry born 2 Feb 1992 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Their mother is the former Karen Susan David.

Photos: Below, from left, Shaun, Josh and Tom Gentry, Paige Smith and Jorra "Nikki" Smith Gentry.



Shaun and Josh are Nikki's step-sons. Above middle and right photos are both, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" Smith at about age 14 and about age 1. The pink dress was crocheted by her aunt Carol Tatum Brey. Right, Jorra Nicole "Nikki" and daughter, Destiny Paige Smith ages 20 and 4 in Jul 2000. Far right, Nikki and Tom on their wedding day 15 Jun 2002.



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152. Aaron Travis³ Smith (Ellen Marie² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 24 Sep 1982 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. He married on 24 Jun 2017 in The Estate at Creekside, Casey Co., Kentucky, USA **Melanie Susan (Reed) Smith**, born 16 Jul 1987 in Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA, daughter of Paul Clinton Reed and Anne Marie (Corcoran) Reed.

Children of Aaron Travis Smith and Melanie Susan Reed were as follows:

- 1521** **Kylie Ann Mitchell⁴ Smith**, born 6 Sep 2011 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Adoption on 13 Aug 2019 of Kylie by Aaron Travis Smith was finalized on this day. Her new name is Kylie Ann Mitchell Smith.
- 1522** **Paul Thomas⁴ Smith**, born 20 Nov 2017 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA.
- 1523** **William Clint⁴ Smith**, born 16 Sep 2019 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA.

Notes for Aaron Travis Smith

Aaron and Melanie live in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA.




Photos: Top left, Aaron and Melanie on their wedding day. Aaron as a High School Senior. Aaron age 27 on couch Thanksgiving Day at Betty (Tatum) Gribbins home in 2009. Aaron age 6 on his stick horse in Nov 1988. Aaron age 17 in May 2000 just before leaving to get his Eagle Scout Medal.

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Image: Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Friday, 5 May 2000, page A3. Eagle Scout Medals awarded. Boy Scout Troop 147 Eagle Scout recipients.

The Kentucky Standard issue May 6, 2000 page A3

Eagle Scout Medals awarded



Boy Scout Troup 147 Eagle Scout recipients

Lance Smith, Aaron Smith and Adam Loader have completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, according to Troop 147 Scout Master Jerry Rakes. They were recently awarded the Eagle Scout Medal in a ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The Eagle Scout Award is the last major step in the advancement program and is the highest rank in scouting. Fewer than 2 percent of all Boy Scouts in the United States reach the Eagle rank. To become an Eagle Scout a boy must earn 21 merit badges, serve actively in a troop leadership position, develop and carry out a service project that will benefit his community and appear before a board of review.

Lance Smith, the son of Lang and Sherry Smith of Bardstown, is a freshman at Nelson County High School and a member of the Talligewi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, a scouting, camping honorary organization. He earned 40 merit badges. His service project consisted of designing and implementing a plan to fix up an existing 90x90-foot playground at The Nazareth Montessori Center to make it a cleaner and safer place for kids to play.

Aaron Smith, the son of Bill and Ellen Smith of Bardstown, is a junior at Bardstown High School and a member of the Talligewi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, a scouting, camping honorary organization. He earned 32 merit badges. His service project consisted of the renovation of the boys' and girls' locker rooms at St. Joseph School.

Loader, the son of Rick and Trina Loader of Bardstown, is a senior at Bardstown High School. He earned 27 merit badges. His service project consisted of the restoration of an old family cemetery in Nelson County.

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Bardstown student selected for Governor's School for the Arts



SMITH

For the third year in a row, Bardstown High School has had a student selected to attend the highly competitive Governor's School for the Arts.

Aaron T. Smith, who will be a senior, was selected from among more than 1,200 applicants to attend the 2000 Governor's School for the Arts. Smith will attend as a student in the visual arts category.

GSA will be held on the campus of Transylvania University in Lexington June 25-July 15. This all-expense-paid honors program brings together Kentucky's most talented, creative high school students to learn and grow together. Smith will receive intensive daily instruction, attend master classes, participate in hands-on workshops, performances, and field trips as well as special arts events during the three-week session.

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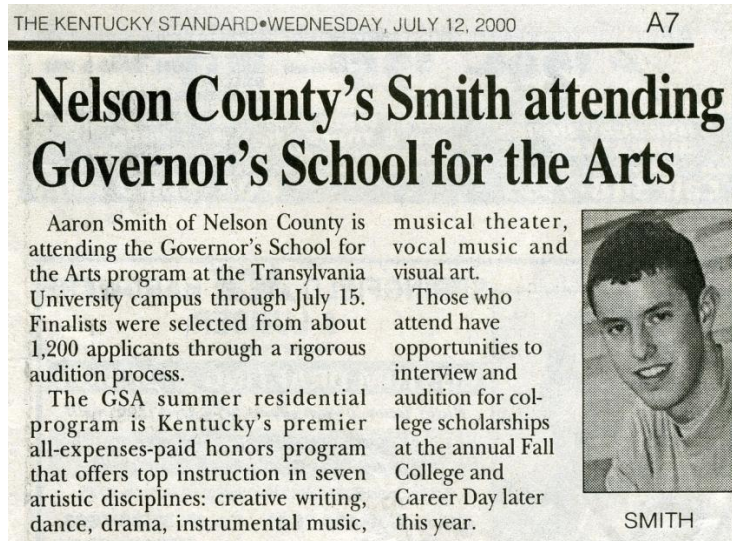
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Image: Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Wednesday, 12 Jul 2000,



page A7. Nelson County's Smith attending Governor's School for the Arts.

Aaron Smith, of Nelson County is attending the Governor's School for the Arts program at the Transylvania University Campus through July 15. Finalist were selected from about 1,200 applicants through a rigorous audition process.

The GSA summer residential program is Kentucky's premier all-expenses paid honors program that offers top instruction in seven artistic disciplines, creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music, musical theater, vocal music and visual art.

Those who attend have opportunities to interview and audition for college scholarships at the annual Fall College and Career Day later this year.

Image: On the next page is article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Friday, 11 Aug 2000, page A8. Bardstown student spends three weeks immersed in art by Stacey S. Manning.

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After completing a package of information, Smith and the 1,000 other students applying for the program, had to go to Bowling Green for a five minute interview with some of the art teachers from last year's School for the Arts. They also had to submit a portfolio with eight pieces of art work.

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Although the three-week program cut Smith's six-week summer vacation in half, he said he was glad he took part.

"I didn't mind, really. It was a lot of fun," he said.

Smith said he was encouraged to apply for the program as a sophomore by his art teacher, Lee Agee.

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After taking part in the program this year, Smith said he is glad he did.

One of the best parts of the program, Smith said, was the new friends he made and the people he met.

"I met a lot of great people down there," he said. "Everyone was really nice. You could sit down there and talk to anyone."

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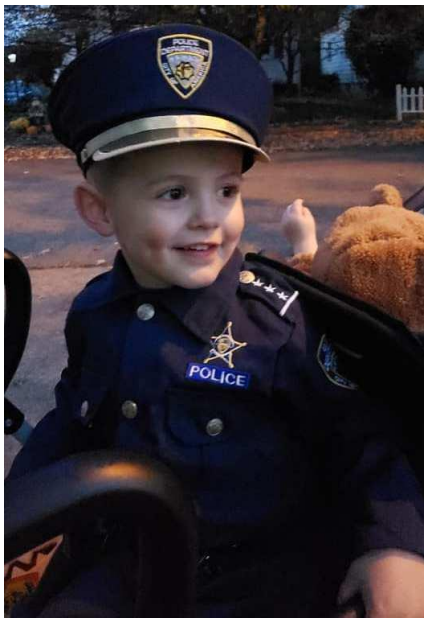
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Photos: Above left, Paul Smith, age 2 on 31 Oct 2020, ready for trick or treating. Above middle, Clint Smith age 1 year. Right is Kylie Smith age 9.

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Generations 4 and 5, Stanley and Marie's Great and Great-Great-Grandchildren

1121. Jeffrey Glen "Jeff"⁴ Davis (Laura Marie³ Culver, Patricia Anne² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 11 Sep 1982 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA. He married (1) on 3 Sep 2005 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, divorced **Samantha Tracy (Riley) Davis**, born 31 May 1986 in Norfolk, Virginia, USA, daughter of Michael Riley and Teresa Gearhard. Jeff's companion is **Kelsey Anne (Womack) Lowery**, born 15 Mar 1981 in Pensacola, Escambia Co., Florida, USA, daughter of George Womack and Susan ((---)) Womack.

Children of Jeffrey Glen Davis and Samantha Tracy Riley were as follows:

- 11211 Michael Glenn⁵ Davis**, born 28 Mar 2005 in Chesapeake, Virginia, USA.
- 11212 Logan Gearhard⁵ Davis**, born 27 Jul 2009 in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.
- 11213 Declan Ford⁵ Davis**, born 11 Jun 2012 in Chesapeake, Virginia, USA.



Children of Jeffrey Glen Davis and Kelsey Anne Womack were as follows:

- 11214 Ryder Anderson⁵ Davis**, born 26 Sep 2017 in Virginia, USA.
- 11215 Ledger Jameson⁵ Davis**, born 24 Apr 2019 in Virginia, USA.



Notes for Jeffrey Glen Davis

Jeffrey and Kelsey live in Chesapeake, Virginia. He is an electrician. Kelsey works in a nearby hospital.

Photos: Four generations, from left, Jeffrey Davis, Laura Culver Midkiff holding Michael Davis and Patricia Tatum Sproul in 2005. In middle Don and Laura Culver Midkiff, Michael, Logan, Declan and Jeff Davis in ca 2015. At bottom Ledger, Jeff and Ryder Davis with Kelsey Lowery in Feb 2020.



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1511. Destiny Paige⁴ Smith(Jorra Nicole³ Smith, Ellen Marie² Tatum, Stanley Clifton¹), born 29 Jun 1996 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Paige's father is Mark Anthony Clark, born 16 Nov 1977 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Francis Chester "Tenny" Clark Jr. and Gloria Ann (Newton) Clark

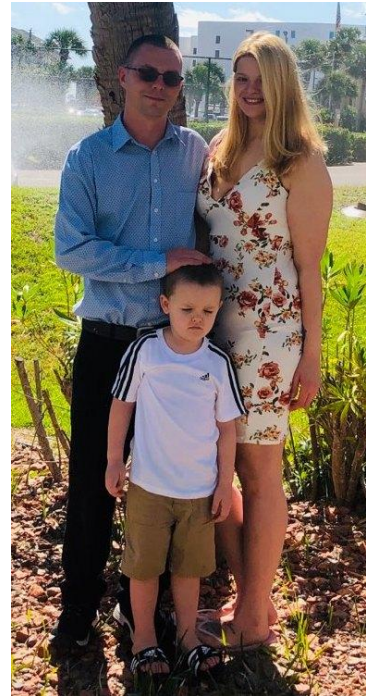
Children of Destiny Paige Smith were as follows:

15111 Brandon Trevor⁵ Smith, born 26 Oct 2015 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA. Brandon's father is **Dustin Hendricks Thacker**, born 3 Dec 1995 in Louisville, Jefferson Co., Kentucky, USA, son of Shawn Owen Thacker and Cristy Lynn (Schultz) Thacker

Notes for Destiny Paige Smith

Paige lives in Shepherdsville, Bullitt Co., Kentucky, USA.

Photos: Right, Christopher "Chris" Lefavour, Paige and Brandon Smith, 21 May 2019 on vacation in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Below left, Paige and Brandon Smith in 2016. Below middle, Paige Smith on 25 Dec 2014. Below far right, Thomas Franklin "Tom" Gentry, Vince Smith, Paige Smith, Chris Lefavour with Brandon Smith in front in 2019.



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More Ancestors and Cousins

Photo: Below is our ancestor John W. Royalty and his wife Mary Jane Jenkins with their 10 children. L to R, front row: Mary Jane Jenkins Royalty, Nancy Jane "Nannie" Royalty Newby, Margaret Bell "Maggie" Royalty Ransdell, Mary Frances Royalty Cunningham and Mildred Ann "Millie" Royalty Shirley. Back row, John W. Royalty, Enoch Wakefield Royalty, Thomas Johnson Royalty, John Taylor Royalty, Nelson Brown Royalty, Wesley Farmer Royalty, and James Irving Royalty. This picture was



given to me by Randall A. Burns (1921-2011) in May 1996, at his family store in Cardwell, Washington Co., Kentucky. I found out where John and Jane were buried and was making my way to their family cemetery. I knew I was getting close. I stopped in to the Burns Store at Cardwell to get further directions and that's when we met Randall Burns, found out he was our kinfolk and had a wonderful visit with him and his family. Randall and his wife owned the store. I treasure this picture, because I feel like it only came into my hands by chance. What if I hadn't gone to visit the cemetery that day? What if I didn't stop at the store? I would not have this wonderful picture. Our John Royalty owned 2000 acres on Royalty Ridge in Cardwell! The family cemetery was pristine on that day. It was surrounded by a lovely rock wall, with views of the surrounding countryside to die for, no pun intended. Mr. Burns and his sons were the caretakers. I'm so grateful and hope it remains in such good condition today.

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Photos: John W. Royalty and Mary Jane Jenkins Royalty; pictures came from Aunt Annie's collection.



Photos: Above is Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum (1848-1912) at a very young age. I like to think of his mother, Lucinda Tatum holding this picture in her hands in the 1850's. He was her 8th child. Below right is Tom Tatum and his 3rd wife Savilla Jane "Janie" Haydon.

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Photos: The home of our great grandfather Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum, in 1908 at Valley Hill in



Washington Co., Kentucky. Tom is seated with his 3rd wife Sylvia Jane "Janie" Hayden and grandson Robert Opal "Bob" Tatum. Standing are the preacher, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Pinkston and Tom's grandsons, Bradley and Vivian Tatum. The 3 boys are the sons of Howard Harrison Tatum by his 1st wife Mary Jane "Mollie" Lair Tatum. This preacher held services on these grounds for large crowds. I have a picture of one such event. Standing in front of the dilapidated home in 2010 is me, Ellen Tatum Smith, the author of this book. As you can see it is in a very bad state of decay, and today may no longer be standing.

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Photo: Below is a very young Nancy Lucinda "Nannie" Tatum, the daughter of Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum and George Ann Brown. Beside that is Nannie Tatum as a young lady. Nannie eloped with a man who was 14 years older than her father, a local man who developed more than a passing interest in her,

Richard Barlow

(1834-1907) son of Peter G. Barlow (1810-1900) and Nancy Goatley. Her father was livid and stated he would kill the SOB.

Richard was first married to Meca Ann Neil

(1839-1902), with whom he had 7 children. Nannie and Richard eventually settled in Reynolds, Nebraska. They had 2 sons. Both died in early childhood: 1.

Benjamin H. "Bennie"

Barlow (1890-1893). 2.

George B. Barlow

(1894-1894) lived 12 days. Both children are buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Narka, Republic Co., KS. On 5 Apr 1916 Nannie married Dr. Alonzo H. Bothwell (1855-1934), no issue with him.



Photos: Below from left, James Camillis "Millis", Samuel Tildon "Sam" and Thomas Clifton "Cliff"



Tatum, sons of Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum and George Ann Brown. Cliff Tatum as an adult.

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Photo: In ca 1933, are four siblings, from left, Thomas Clifton "Cliff" Tatum, Nancy Lucinda "Nannie" Tatum Bothwell, Effie Jane Tatum Reddicks and Samuel Tildon "Sam" Tatum.

Cliff Tatum married Frances Vandiver "Fannie" Lair (1872-1956) on 1 May 1896. Cliff was a businessman, a depot agent at the Valley Hill Store, which he ran. He later moved to Springfield and ran a grocery store there. Fannie was a sister of Howard Tatum's first wife, both daughters of the Civil War soldier John M. Lair (1883-1906) and his wife, Mary Frances Tatum (1846-1934).

Cliff and Fannie had 3 children, Mary Louise Tatum (1898-1985), Thelma Clifton "Boozie" Tatum (1903-1981) and Thomas Donald Tatum (1914-1915). Louise married Harry Everett McPherson Sr. (1894-1952) and had 2 issue, Harry Everett McPherson Jr. (1924-1927) and Robert Franklin "Bobby" McPherson Sr.

(1928-2010). Thelma married on 23 Jul 1922, and divorced Ralph Augustus Clarence Homan Sr. (1902-1986) and had 2 issue, Ralph Augustus "Petey" Homan Jr. (1923-1995) and Virginia Jacqueline "Jackie" Homan (1925-2004).



Photos: At left are Cliff Tatum's daughters, Louise and Thelma "Boozie" on the front porch steps of Cliff Tatum's home in Springfield, Ky., ca 1933. At right on the pony is Sam Tatum's only issue, Mary Earnestine Tatum.

Sam Tatum married Mary Jane "Rosa" Mattingly (1880-1865), the widow of Robert Montgomery, on 11 Feb 1914, a daughter of Charles Francis Mattingly and Anna Isabelle Phillips, and had 1 issue, Mary Earnestine Tatum

(1915-1960). Sam's obituary states he was a retired Stationary Fireman. Earnestine married Shelby Trogden (1906-1965), a son of Joseph Trogden and Alice Taylor, and had 3 issue, Shelby Gene, Joseph Tilton and Roger Dale Trogden.



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Photo: Below are the 4 Tatum siblings in ca 1933, with some of their children and grandchildren. From left, front row, squatting down are: Thomas Clifton "Cliff" Tatum, his grandson Robert Franklin "Bobby"



McPherson and his brother Samuel Tildon "Sam" Tatum. Back row, standing: Mary Danielle Reddicks Ward who is Effie's dau., Nancy Lucinda "Nannie" Tatum Bothwell, Cliff's daughters Thelma Clifton Tatum Homan and Louise Tatum McPherson holding onto Thelma's son Ralph Augustus "Petey" Homan Jr., who is in front of them. Next is a lady that was not identified but she might be Sam Tatum's wife, Mary Jane "Rosa" Mattingly Tatum. Next is Effie Jane Tatum Reddicks, then Cliff Tatum's wife Frances Vandiver "Fannie" Lair Tatum with her arm around their granddaughter, Virginia Jacqueline "Jackie" Homan. This was probably a rare occasion when Nannie traveled in from Reynolds, Nebraska to visit her siblings and their families.

Photo: James Camillis "Millis" Tatum married 15 Jul 1901 in Louisville, Addie Lee Keeley (1881-1946), daughter of Patrick Keeley and Adaline E. Seymore. Addie is pictured at right with Millis' only issue, Lilyan Beatrice Tatum (1905-1990). Millis was a barber and lived in Louisville. Tragically, he got appendicitis and died on the operating table on 25 Jul 1907, in Louisville. Millis is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, though he doesn't have a tombstone.



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Effie Jane Tatum daughter of Thomas Alfred "Tom" Tatum and his 2nd wife Maggie Alice Brown, a sister of George Ann Brown, married Samuel Goliath Reddicks (1883-1959) and they had the following nine issue.

1. Mary Danielle Reddicks (1906-1983) m. and div. Harry Lee Grande Ward (1904-1980), had 4 issue; m. 2 George Thomas Avis (1912-1966).

- A. Doris Allen Ward
 - B. Kenneth L. Ward
 - C. Peggy L. Ward
 - D. Beverly J. Ward



Photo: From left: Beverly, Peggy, Kenny, Mary and Harry Ward.

2. Nellie Hazel Reddicks (1908-1986) m. 1 and div. Asa Otha Ashlock (1896-1986) had 3 issue; m. 2 Roy Bratcher.

- A. Larry Lee Ashlock
 - B. Ronald Ray "Ronnie" Ashlock
 - C. Linda Lois Ashlock

3. Lydia H. Reddicks (1910-1965) m. 1 and div. Fred George Baete (1911-1964), m. 2 and div. Arthur Edmond Reichle (1912-1970) had 3 issue:

- A. Arthur Clifton "Sonny" Reichle
 - B. Dewey Lee Reichle
 - C. George Mason Reichle

4. Ivy Catherine Reddicks (1913-2002) m. 1 James Garland Yeager (1903-1974) had 1 issue, m. 2 Clarence Alfred Wilson (1911-1971), m. 3 Larry McElhinny, m. 4 Clifford C. McFarland (1912-1999).

- A. Laquita Joy Yeager

5. Helen Edith Reddicks (1915-1969), m. 1 Michael Otis "Mike" Hemmer (1915-1965), had 2 issue:

- A. Michael L. Hemmer
 - B. James E. "Jimmy" Hemmer

6. Samuel Lee Reddicks (1917-1919), died from an obstruction of the bowels, buried Evergreen Cemetery.

7. Infant male Reddicks (b. 8 Jan 1920-unk).

8. Carroll C. Reddicks (31 Dec 1920- 1922), died from Ilio Colitis (Ileocolitis), buried Evergreen Cemetery.

9. James Edward Reddicks (1923-1961), m. Margaret Alberta "Randy" Randolph (1926-2006), had 2 issue.

- A. James Randy Reddicks
 - B. Margaret Elizabeth "Beth" Reddicks



Photo: Lydia Reddicks

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Photos: Above left, Robert Opal "Bob" Tatum and wife, Marie Ethel "Maymie" Mann. Arthur Bradley Tatum in army clothes and again in suit and tie. At right, Herbert Harrison Tatum with his niece, Eva Opal Tatum, d/o "Bob" and Maymie pictured above. This maybe the only picture of Herbert since he died so young, age 25, from a kidney ailment. His sister Annie told me that no matter what Herbert was doing, he still managed to look so cleaned and well groomed. What a shame he was taken from his family at such a young age. I would have liked to have gotten to know him.

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Photos: Below are Daddy's mother, Lee Ila Shirley Tatum and his sister, Annie Mae Tatum (1900-1997) .



This might be the last picture taken of Ila, as she died in 1924. At right is Annie Mae Tatum and below that is Annie and her spouse, Josh "Doc" Head (1899-1975). They married on 28 Jan 1922 in Nelson Co., Ky. Josh was the s/o James Franklin "Frank" Head (1860-1942) and Susan Margaret "Maggie" Moran (1872-1902) of Washington Co., Ky. In 1942, when Daddy bought our place, Annie and Josh lived across the



road. In a few years they sold their place to Eugene Houck and purchased a farm on Froman's Creek on Mobley Mill Road. We loved visiting Aunt Annie on their farm. In their retirement years they moved to Hurstbourne Dr., in Bardstown. Annie was the type of person who could do anything that she set her mind to. Annie and Josh had 1 issue, an adopted daughter, Margaret Laverne Head (1931-2008), the young girl pictured at right above this text.



On 26 Jan 1947, Margaret married Robert Louis "Bobby" Janes Sr. (1930-2006), the s/o Kavanaugh Lee "Cavie" Janes (1911-1990) and Julia B. Cull (1911-1998). Margaret and Bobby had 3 issue:

1. Robert Louis Janes Jr. (1948-2015) m. Mary Carolyn Sims (1948-), d/o Joseph Talbot "Billy" Sims (1913-1966) and Lucille Collette Dorsey (1913-1969), and had 3 issue, Todd Joseph, Chad Robert and Valorie Dawn Janes.

2. Julianne Janes (1949-1999) m. Julian Wayne Lewis (1947-) s/o Julian Ansel Lewis (1924-1998) and Maeola Miles (1925-2009), and had 2 issue, Melissa Ann "Missy" and Mary Angela "Angie" Lewis.

3. Betty Carol Janes (1957-) m. Hank Daniel Duncan (1952-2021) s/o Nathaniel Duncan Jr. (1930-2007) and Anna Lorine "Johnny" Hutchins (1926-1997). They had no issue, but fostered many boys from the Baptist Boys Home.

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Photos: Below, Robert Louis "Bobby" Janes, with wife, Margaret Laverne Head, Robert Louis Jr., Julianne and Betty Carol Janes.



Below, Annie's family, 5 generations: from left front row: Bobby Janes Sr., Betty Carol Janes Duncan, Melissa Ann "Missy" Lewis and her dau. Brittany Michelle Henderson, Julianne Janes Lewis and Valorie Dawn Janes. Back row: Hank Duncan, Annie Mae Tatum Head, Margaret Laverne Head Janes, Julian Wayne Lewis, Todd Joseph Janes and Robert Louis "Bobby" Janes Jr. in about 1989 or 1990.



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Photos: Goddard Tatum at right. Far right, Hazel Dolfinger and husband, Goddard Tatum, 3 Sep 1939. Below, Josh Head, Goddard and Herbert Tatum loading tobacco, 1922, Samuels, Ky.



Above, Hubert Tatum. At right is, Hubert Tatum with his wife Ruth Wolf and their son, Hubert Jr. Hubert Jr. married Mary Phillis Miller (1936-2002), and had 3 issue, Kathryn J. "Kathy", Mark R. and Lisa Ann Tatum. Above left, Hubert's daughter, Ila Mae Tatum and her husband Kenneth Browning "Ken" Miller, no issue for this couple. They lived in Louisville.

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Photos: Below are 2 pictures of Daddy's sister, Bessie Katherine Tatum Garrett. The rest of the pictures



are of her family. Anna Dell's wedding photo, on 16 Feb 1957, from left her parents, Jesse Garrett (1911-1971) and Bessie Katherine Tatum Garrett (1909-1992), Anna Dell Garrett (1938-1996) and William Edward "Bill" Kute (1934-1998), and Bill's parents, Gertrude Lenora Peters (1907-1992) and Bernard Michael Kute (1905-1984). At right are Jess and



Bessie's children, Edgar Donald and Norma Jean, and in the door step, Anna Dell and Phyllis; lower right is Phyllis Elaine Garrett and Jean Garrett Myers.



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Photos: William Edward "Bill" Kute Sr. and Anna Dell Garrett had 5 issue, William Edward "Eddie" Kute Jr., Mark Kevin Kute, Patrice Ann Kute, Monica Michelle Kute and Daphne Susann Kute. Bill worked at General Electric and Anna Dell was a homemaker. They also owned a farm. Bill enjoyed repairing things.

At left, front row, Anna Dell and William Edward "Bill" Kute, middle row, Daphne, Monica and Patrice, back row, Eddie and Kevin Kute in May 1986.

Below are 3 siblings, Annie Tatum Head, Bessie Katherine



Tatum Garrett, Stanley Tatum and wife, Marie Downs Tatum. Pictured at right, are the children of John William "J. W." Shirley and Mildred



Ann "Millie" Royalty Shirley. Our ancestor, Lee Ila Shirley

is likely to be the one in the back row on the far right, in the polka-dotted dress, as she was the oldest child in her family. Aunt Annie could not remember for certain, which one was her. A drawing of an older Mildred Ann "Millie" Royalty Shirley is above at right.

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Photos: Below are 3 children of Capt. John William "J. W." Shirley and Mildred Ann "Millie" Royalty: left, Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Shirley with unknown boyfriend; middle is William Bell "Will" Shirley; right is Fanny Blanche Shirley.



Our great grandparents at home in Willisburg, Ky., relaxing in the swing with 2 of their daughters. From left, Blanche, Lizzie, Millie and John William "J. W." Shirley. Notice they are in a double glider swing. I



didn't realize they had these back then. Fannie who is the youngest in this picture appears to be about 20 years old which would date the picture to about 1910. Capt. John William "J. W." Shirley (1847-1922), s/o Nelson T. Shirley (1823-1871) and Deborah "Debbie" May (1826-1871), m. Mildred Ann "Millie" Royalty (1849-1929), d/o John W. Royalty (1821-1897) and Mary Jane Jenkins (1820-1890). Capt. J. W. and Millie lived at Willisburg in Washington Co., Kentucky and had 10 issue:

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1. Lee Ila Shirley (1869-1924), see her spouse and issue defined on page 7.
2. Martha Forest Shirley (1871-1952), m. Thomas Kyle Kinsey (1872-1945), had 7 issue, Cecil J., Anna Elizabeth, Leonard, Mabel Blanche, Jennie Lee, Jessie Ray and Opal Mae Kinsey.
3. Nelson Shirley (1873-1947), m. 1 Dora Lee Yancy (1877-1934), had 4 issue, William Russell, Mildred May, Edith Irene and infant Shirley; m. 2 Goldie Mae Smith (1884-), no issue.
4. Mary Alice Shirley (1874-1943), see her spouse and issue defined on the following page.
5. Thomas R. Shirley (1876-1877), buried at Willisburg.
6. Enoch P. Shirley (1877-1879), buried at Willisburg.
7. Addie Reva Shirley (1879-1903), never married, buried at Willisburg.
8. William Bell "Will" Shirley (1881-1958), m. Lela Goodlett (1885-1980), had 9 issue, infant female, infant male, Alma Francis, Myrtle Lee, William John, Charles Dean, Elmer G. and Robert Lee "Bob" Shirley.
9. Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Shirley (1884-1915), never married, buried Willisburg.
10. Fanny Blanche Shirley (1890-1975), never married, lived at the home place in Willisburg, buried there.

Photos: The Shirley home place in Willisburg, Ky., when it came up for sale in 1975. This would have been after the death of Millie and John's youngest daughter Fannie Shirley who never married. Sadly, the home is no longer standing. It was directly across from the Willisburg Cemetery. A parsonage was erected in its place for the local church. Ironically one day while on a visit to the Willisburg Cemetery, I accidentally locked the keys inside my car and the Preacher is the one who came to our need and used a wire to get the car door unlocked. Below are Elizabeth Ellen "Ella" Brown Lewis with her 2nd husband Charles W. "Charlie" Lewis.



AGE 6--The Springfield Sun, Springfield, Ky.--October 9, 1975

BLANCH & MILDRED SHIRLEY ESTATE
6.4 ACRE "BABY FARM" & PERSONAL
PROPERTY
AT AUCTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
1:00 P.M.



We have been commissioned by Mrs. O.D. Goodlett, administrator, to sell this fine property on the above date. The property is located on the Lawrenceburg Road adjacent to the Willisburg Christian Church in Willisburg, Kentucky.

This small farm has approximately 6.4 acres of nice land with highway frontage on both sides of the Christian Church. There is an excellent tobacco base.

TOBACCO BASE 2786 BASIC QUOTA

The improvements consist of a two story, five room frame home. There are three rooms down and two up in addition there are two small utility outbuildings.

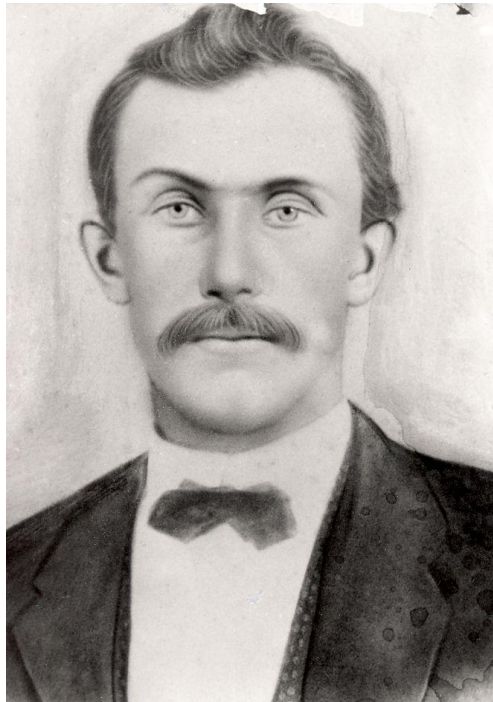
PERSONAL PROPERTY: No. 3 Dinner Bell, antique walnut corner cupboard, Hot Point Refrigerator, Vesta gas stove, many antique ladder back chairs, old sewing machine, large old wooden blanket chest, 15,000 BTU thermostat Warm Morning gas heater, cedar chest, antique rocking chairs, antique walnut wardrobe, end table, antique wicker rocker, dresser, antique clock old Bentwood porch rocker, CHICKERING PIANO (Boston) in excellent condition, old accordion, antique vases, misc. china and glassware including several preserve stands, antique child high chair, 6 matching oak chairs, antique frames, old crocks and jugs, miniature items consisting of (coffee grinder, baby buggy, bell, iron, etc.) 2 beds, antique walnut bed, Alladin lamp, very good pie safe, antique doll baby buggy, Baskets, some old books, sausage mill, iron pot, small old drum stove, old counter scales and other miscellaneous items.

TERMS: Twenty Percent Day of Sale; Balance on delivery of deed on or before 30 days.
 Personal Property - CASH.

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Elizabeth Ellen "Ella" Brown Pinkston Lewis (1858-1941), m. 1 James Monroe "Jim" Pinkston (1853-1898), had 5 issue; m. 2 Charles W. "Charlie" Lewis (1862-1934), no issue with him. First husband Jim Pinkston died of T B. Ella and Jim's 5 issue follow:

1. Elbridge Jefferson Pinkston (1876-1927), m. Mary Alice Shirley (1874-1943) had 9 issue as follows:
 - A. Stanley Pinkston (1898-1899), buried Willisburg Cemetery, Willisburg, Ky.
 - B. Edward Carl Pinkston (1899-1972), m. Mary Anna Crouch, had 2 issue.
 - C. Marshall Reavy Pinkston (1902-1967), m. 1 Bertha L. Mann, 1 issue; m. 2 Mary A. Jones, 3 issue.
 - D. Clarence P. Pinkston (1903-1969), m. Hazel Mae Pinkston (1906-2004), d/o Sleet Pinkston, had 1 issue.
 - E. C. Shirley Pinkston (1906-1906), buried Willisburg Cemetery, Willisburg, Ky.
 - F. Elabel Pinkston (1907-1997), m. Onais Dewitt Goodlett (1903-1985), had 3 issue.
 - G. Eulah Mae Pinkston (1908-1908), buried Willisburg Cemetery, Willisburg, Ky.
 - H. Garland M. "Tot" Pinkston (1909-1970), m. Mary Lucille Black (1912-2003), had 1 issue.
 - I. Harlan Shirley Pinkston (1911-1952), m. Grace A. Carey (1910-1994), had 7 issue.
2. Ada D. Pinkston (1880-1886)
3. Lucian Thomas Pinkston (1884-1968), m. 1 Emma Colvin, no issue; m. 2 Nancy Elizabeth "Betty" Kearns (1900-1992), had no issue.
4. Nancy Ellen "Nannie" Pinkston (1890-1972), m. James Howard Mann (1891-1964), had 3 issue.
5. unknown Pinkston (b. unk-bef 1900).



Photos: Above is James Monroe "Jim" Pinkston.

At right are two siblings, Lucian Pinkston and Nannie Pinkston Mann. Nannie and Howard Mann had 3 issue:

1. Emma Albina Mann (1915-1997), m. C. L. Brady (1913-1998), had 4 issue
2. James Forest Mann (1917-1918), buried Springfield, Kentucky.
3. Earl Andrew Mann (1919-1999), m. Martha Gowdy, had 3 issue.

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Photos: Right, Susan Euphema "Susie" Tatum, (1869-1924) d/o John Seawood Tatum, with her husband James W. "Jim" Brown (1867-1949) and their children in ca 1899. Jim Brown was the s/o John Calvin Brown (1841-1922) and Ruann M. Ruby and a 1st cousin of our ancestor, George Ann Brown making us kin to both Jim and Susie. The picture belonged to Aunt Annie Mae Tatum Head, but she didn't know who they were, only that they were our kin folk. I ran the photo in the Springfield Sun. The family of Boyd Brown Sr. contacted me and said they recognized Boyd from a school photo where he wore the same outfit, with the big white collar. From left standing beside his father, Jim Brown is Boyd Brown, oldest daughter Martha Ann "Annie" Brown is in center back, son John Mays Brown Sr. is on far right; little girl standing in center front is Maud Lee Brown, in Susie Tatum Brown's lap is youngest son Bryan William J. Brown, beside him is Mary Ida Brown. Originally from Washington Co., Ky., they moved to Mississippi. Boyd Brown returned to his childhood home of Springfield, Ky. to marry and raise his family. Two of Boyd's daughters met with me and were thrilled to get a copy of this picture.



At right, 4 d/o Boyd Brown Sr., seated Margaret Brown, wife of Melvin L. Wayne, standing left to right, Edith Brown, wife of Cecil Guthrie McMillin, Evelyn Brown, wife of Marshall Wilson Shewmaker and Susie Agnes Brown, wife of Cletus Anderson.



Martha Ann Brown (1887-1957), m. Daniel Neill, had 8 issue, Lydia, A. D., Georgia, Ernest Brown, Markham Trent, Daniel Adrian, Ruby Lillian and Marie Neill.

Boyd Brown Sr. (1889-1955), m. Sallie Ann Smith, had 7 issue, Lilly, Edith, Margaret, Susie Agnes, Boyd Jr., Mildred L. and Evelyn Brown.

John Mays Brown Sr. (1892-1960), m. Laveta Barrett, had 3 issue, Mary Ann, John Mays Jr. and Nancy Brown.

Mary Ida Brown (1893-1945), m. George Wallis Litton, had 3 issue, Wallace B., Ruby and Gladys Litton.

Maud Lee Brown (1895-1977), m. 1 James Henry Barker Sr., had 3 issue, James Henry Jr., John Ray and Mary Lucille Barker; m. 2 James Warren Johnson, had 1 issue, Jackie Dowell Johnson and 2 step-children.

Bryan William J. Brown (1898-1908/9), died at age 9.

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Photos: Below, seated are John Seawood Tatum (1840-1928) and wife Martha Harmon (1842-1927).



They lived at Mackville, Washington Co., Ky. Their children, standing left to right, Susan Euphema Tatum Brown (1869-1924), Esker R. Tatum (1880-1954), Ruah Ann Tatum Tatum (1866-1949), Ezra Tatum Sr. (1883-1978) and Maranda "Randy" Tatum Scott (1874-1972). Ruah married her 1st cousin James Sherman Tatum (1870-1935) s/o Samuel A. Tatum (1844-1914) and Sarah Elizabeth Sallee (1847-1929)

and had, Floyd Elmo, Lillie Belle, Samuel A., Ernest James, Paul and Bertha Mae Tatum. Esker R. Tatum married Lucy Arma Crowe and had Nannie Martha,



Charles Hyatt, Virgil Frank, Walter, Ezra Jr., Alma, Mary Pearl, Joseph Edgar and John Frank Tatum.

Two of John Seawood Tatum's children already deceased at the time the photo was taken are, Mary Agnes Tatum (1860-1880) and William Ramus Tatum (1871-1892), both of whom had no issue.



Pictured at right seated in the chair is a d/o John Seawood Tatum, Maranda "Randy" Tatum, who married Ulysses Grant Scott and standing behind her is her daughter, Myrtle "Merty" Scott, wife of Luster Henderson Colvin. See more on Randy's family defined on page 102.

Pictured at left is Ezra Tatum's daughter, Beatrice Tatum (1921-2016) with her soon to be husband, Lee McClellan Russell (1916-2004). They lived in Nelson Co., Kentucky and had: Thomas Allen "Tommy" Russell (1945-who was adopted, Larry Lee Russell (1949-, Nicky Neal Russell (1951-2000), Mona Fae Russell (1953-), Marlene Russell (1957-) and Mark McClellan Russell (1965-). Beatrice's parents and siblings are pictured on

the next page.

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Photo: Ezra Tatum Sr. s/o John Seawood Tatum with wife, Lily Alice Click and their first 4 children, from left, Willie Esker, Lily J., Dorothy Mae and Martha Ann Tatum. Myrtle Fay, Beatrice, Ruby Jewel and Ezra Jr. were not born yet, so that dates the picture to about 1917. They are in front of their home at Deep Creek in Mercer Co., Ky. A list of their issue follows:



1. Dorothy Mae Tatum (1909-2005) m. Hubert Noel, had 2 issue, Ann Tatum and Gloria Kay Noel.
2. Martha Ann Tatum (1912-1922) died young.
3. Lillie J. Tatum (1914-2008) m. Levi J. Camden (1914-1985), had 3 issue, Roger Calvin, Alice Jane and David Brent Camden.
4. Willie Esker Tatum (1916-2006), m. Georgia Louise Pendegrist, had 2 issue, William Bruce and Norman Dale Tatum.
5. Myrtle Fay Tatum (1919-1928), died young.
6. Beatrice Tatum (1921-2016), her family is defined on the previous page.
7. Ruby Jewel Tatum (1924-), m. Walton Larue Best, had 2 issue, Gary Larue and Jerry Don Best.
8. Ezra Tatum Jr. (1930-2013), m. Inez Cummins, had 1 issue, Henry Esker Tatum.

Samuel A. Tatum (1844-1914), m. Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sallee (1847-1929), had 8 issue as follows:

1. James Sherman Tatum (1870-1935), m. 1 Annie ____, had 2 issue, Pearl and Mary Agnes Tatum; m. 2 Ruah Ann Tatum, their 6 issue defined on previous page.
2. Ann Tatum (1871-), probably died young.
3. Nannie Tatum (1873-1939), m. Robert Hawkins (1874-1906), had 6 issue, Sarah J., Gertrude, Mary, Lois, Lucy and Nannie Lee Hawkins.
4. John Harrison Tatum (1874-1963), his family defined on page 102.
5. Jacob "Jake" Tatum (1876-1956), m. Sarah Margaret Peavler, had 2 issue, Eva Lee and Willie Tatum.

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6. Samuel A. "Sam" Tatum (1879-1935), m. Leona Colvin, had 3 issue:
 - A. Cecil Gordon Tatum (1917-1991).
 - B. Alma Louise Tatum (1919-1970).
 - C. Dorothy Mae Tatum (1929-2000), m. Kenneth Long, had 3 issue, Janis, Susan and Diane Long.
7. Charles Thomas Tatum (1880-), m. Lula Dorsey, no issue.
8. Henry Allen Tatum (1885-), m. and div. Jennie Derr, had 1 issue, Loren Milton Tatum. It is believed Henry died overseas in WW I.

Image: Right, Tatum Reunion, published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 3 Sep 1953, page A5. As you can see from the long list of names, they had a nice turnout.

Letter from Nancy Lucinda "Nannie" Tatum Bothwell to niece, Annie Mae Tatum Head.

Mrs. Nannie Bothwell, Box 74 Reynolds, Nebr., Sept 21, 1952

Dear Annie

I was so glad to get a letter from you. It had been such a long time since you had written. You didn't tell me how many grandchildren you have or how Margaret and her family are getting along. I'm glad you went to the reunion--wish I could have been there too. Glad you saw Maranda Scott. You know she is my own cousin, Uncle John Tatum's youngest daughter. She wrote me several letters and sent me a picture of she and her sister Ruah, who has died since. But that has been two or three years ago. She don't write me now. I don't know why. I guess she thinks we are to old to write. I think she is about three years younger than me. I should have been to the reunion. Do you know that I will be 82 years old the 30th of next December. Your father was 2 years older than me.

I will try to write down the births just as they come. Howard Harrison Tatum was born November 12, 1868. Nannie Lucinda Tatum was born December 30, 1870. Thomas Clifton Tatum was born October 3, 1873. Samuel Tildon Tatum was born November 9, 1876. James Carmillis Tatum was born in May 1879, but I just can't remember the day. Effie Jane Tatum was born March 5, 1883. These are all the children of Thomas Alford Tatum whose father was Samuel Tatum. That is as far back as I can remember. You see Annie how our ages run. Your Papa would be 84 if living. I will be 82 in December. Cliff will be 79 in October. Sam will be 76 in this November. Effie will be 70 March 5, 1883. I hope this will help you out with your records. These dates are all just in my head as I remember them. After Pa and Janie passed away my brothers just let our old family Bible get away somehow. I tried so hard when I was back there in 1935 to find out what had become of the Bible but no one seemed to know anything about it. So that is the way it is. Boozie wrote me a short little letter telling that she, Louise, and her mother were at the reunion but she didn't tell who she met. She just said there were about 150 Tatums there. Surely some of them were our own cousins. It has been awful dry here too this summer but crops are pretty good. My health is good except for this old arthritis in my knees that makes it hard for me to get around at times.

Tatum Reunion Held At Lebanon Sunday

The Tatum reunion held Sunday, August 30, at the V. F. W. grounds at Lebanon, Ky., was enjoyed very much by all who attended. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reichle and sons, Arthur, Dewey and George Reichle, Kenneth L. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tatum, Sampson Reddicks, Mrs. Lillie Skimmerhorn and children, Judy, Eva Ethel and Bobby Skimmerhorn, Mrs. Joe Rucine, Bradley Tatum, Hubert Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ray Tatum, G. C. Newcomb, W. T. Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tatum and children, Graves Tatum, Clive Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Dro McMillin, Mrs. F. D. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Head, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Brown, Mrs. Perry Margeson and children, Perry Margeson, Laverne and Earl Lee Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wayne and Mary Will, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor and sons Billy and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Shewmaker and children, Vivian, Martha Joyce, Brenda and Patsy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. David Wheeler and Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ray Tatum and children Philys, Lonny, Bobby and Thaisine, Thomas C. Tatum and son, Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Anderson and Bobby and Betsy Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tatum, Sr., and three children, Robert Tatum, Mrs. Eva Hayden and children, Jane, Jody, Texie, Betty and Bobby Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Tatum and children, Leonard and Jo Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shewmaker and children, Peggy, Boyd Hardin and Allen Blacketer, Miss Dolores Mae Mattingly, Miss Cleo Mattingly and Ade Mattingly, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tatum and children, Patsy, Carroll, Irma, Clifton and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillin and children, Tommie and Stevie, Miss Jane Carroll Clark, George Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Dye and children, Carolyn Anne, Charlotte and Jerry Ray, Mrs. G. E. Tatum and children, Gerald K. George and H. G. Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tatum and children Gary S. Micky and Gilbert Isaac, Mrs. Bernard Clark and children Bernard Clark, Jr., and Rose Ann.

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Please write again and tell me all the news and give me some addresses.
Love, Your Aunt Nannie

Photo: Maranda "Randy" Tatum Scott and her 1st cousin John Harrison Tatum (1875-1963). Photo courtesy of Diane Long. They appear to be at a park, possibly a family reunion. Others in the photo background at the picnic table were too distant to tell who anyone was, so I cropped this picture for the benefit of this book.



Randy married Ulysses Grant Scott (1869-1931), s/o James H. Scott and Hester Ann Hungate. They had 4 issue:

1. Myrtle "Myrtie" Scott (1891-1981), m. Luster Henderson Colvin (1890-1981), had 4 issue, Margie Thelma, Vivian Fern, Charles Luster and Joe Colvin.
2. William M. Scott (1894-1903), died from gun accident.
3. Chester Scott (1897-1976), m. Minnie E. Darland (1901-1968) d/o Wm. Darland and Ada Sims and had 3 issue, Rudolph, Winston and C. B. Scott.
4. Birtice Scott (1902-1921), nothing further is known.

John Harrison Tatum (1875-1963), s/o Samuel A. "Sam" Tatum (1844-1914), and Sarah Elizabeth "Lizzie" Sallee (1847-1929), m. 1 Maggie Conder, had 1 issue; m. 2 Margaret Lee "Maggie" Shirley (1877-1961), d/o John M. Shirley and Nancy Ellen Lay and had 7 issue. John's children by both wives follow:

1. Leslie Tatum (1897-1979), m. 1 Ethel Brown and had 2 issue, Leroy and Ruby Pearl Tatum; m. 2 Alice Carr and had 2 issue, twins, Ronald Kay and Donald Ray Tatum.
2. Taylor Tatum (1904-1919), tragically, drowned while attempting to cross the swollen waters of Ashes Creek.
3. Charlotte M. "Lottie" Tatum (1907-1983), m. Goebel Ferrell and had 1 issue, John T. Ferrell.
4. Oscar Lee Tatum (1910-1978), m. 1 Leta Fern Ackerson (1907-1966), d/o Purl Eli Ackerson and Martha Frost. They had 2 issue, Bobby Lee Tatum (1935-1936) and Clarice Joanne Tatum (1938-2011); m. 2 Helen M. Johnson.
5. Grace Ellen Tatum (1912-1995), m. 1 Roy Elsworth Walker (1899-1976), had 1 issue, Barbara E. Walker; m. 2 Clifford Tony Vanetti (1914-1998).
6. Charles Raymond Tatum (1914-1973), m. Mildred Evea Iiams (1912-1993), no issue (3 step-children).
7. Robert Tatum (1917-1917), only lived 14 days.
8. Ida Belle Tatum (1919-2003), m. 1 James Nelson Spring Jr., m. 2 Michael "Mike" Stornetta.

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James Henry Powers (1849-1924), s/o James Hardin Powers (1824-1901), and Rebecca Girdley (1823-1902), m. Mary Ellen "Mollie" Stewart (1853-bef 1910), d/o Robert Stewart (1823-aft 1870).

Henry and Mollie had 4 issue:

1. female Powers (Mar 1877-Jun 1877).
2. Charles Powers (1878-bef 1880).
3. George Powers (1886-1943), m. Cora Lee Rice (1885-1974), had 2 issue, Mary Evelyn and Roy Wilbur Powers.
4. Laura Ellen Powers (1890-1918), see her issue defined on page 20.

Photos: Cora, wife of Mama's uncle, George Powers in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 47. Uncle George Powers in Elizabeth City, North Carolina at the age of 46, on a business trip.



Photos: From left, Uncle George Powers' daughter, Mary Powers Billings, with her husband, Robert Albert "Bob" Billings. She went by Mary and hated the name Evelyn. Right, Aunt Cora Rice Powers between her son, Roy Powers on left and her son-in-law, "Bob" Billings on right. Aunt Cora is age 50 in this picture.

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Photos: Below left is Mama's brother, Uncle Elmer, Joseph Elmer Downs Sr. (1916-1979), at age 16 at



Cedar Creek, Nelson Co., Ky.; at right both pictures are Uncle Elmer in uniform, below him is his daughter, Jo Annette Downs (1940-1996), and 1st wife, Margaret Louise (Dones) Downs (1917-1977). They also had a baby boy who died in the children's hospital in Louisville, David Downs (1943-1943). He only lived 22 days and died from pneumonia.



Right,
Uncle
Elmer's

children by his 2nd wife, Anna (Benedetti) Downs, from left, Susie, Walter, Elmer Jr. nicknamed Johnny, and Rose Marie. Right is Anna at the courthouse steps with her citizenship papers. She was a native of Rome, Italy. With her are her husband, Uncle Elmer, son, Johnny and Johnny's wife, Cheryl, the young child is Rose Marie's daughter, Kelly Lynn Gorham.



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Photos: Uncle Elmer Downs' children and grandchildren. Son, Johnny Downs in 1962. Daughter, Rose Marie Downs Gorham, husband, Larry Carl Gorham Sr. (1944-2015), and their children. Daughter, Susie Downs in 1962.



Photo: Mama's great grandparents, John Wesley Essex (1829-1886), and Nancy Ann Metcalf (1830-1910), lived in Athertonville, Larue Co., Kentucky. John Wesley Essex was the son of Joseph Essex Jr. (1810-ca 1836), and Milly Figg (ca 1810-aft 1850). John Wesley Essex and Nancy Metcalf had 10 issue.

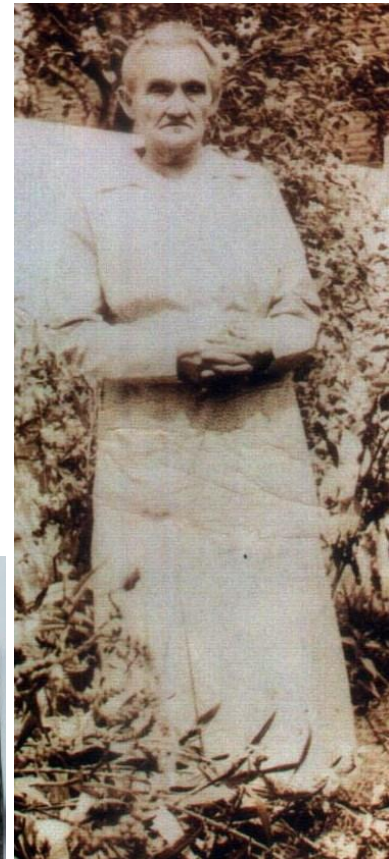
1. Martha Ann Essex (1848-1929), m. Thomas Hardin Johnson (1839-1918), had 9 issue, William Franklin, Thomas Riley, Sylvester, John Wesley, James Clarence, Joseph Hardin, Charles Gregory, Jasper Anthony and Patrick Dean Johnson.
2. Mary Jane Essex (1850-1939), m. George Washington Durbin (1846-1900), had 7 issue, William Levy, Martha Ann, Eddie, William Freddie, John Wes, George Thomas and Eva Mae Durbin.

Pictured at right are Mama's grandmother and her sister, daughters of John Wesley and Nancy Ann Metcalf Essex, from L to R, Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex age 15 and Martha Ann Essex. This was a tin type which belonged to Mama and now mine. They both appear to be very nicely dressed.



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3. Squire R. Essex (1852-), nothing further is known.
4. Anna Maria Maranda Essex (1854-1912), m. John Oliver Augusta Lavey (1842-1913), had 7 issue, Frances L., Charles Henry, Silas Leo, Elizabeth Ann, Clara E., Joseph Eugene, and Robert Bernard Lavey.
5. Prudence Elizabeth "Prudie" Essex (1857-1935), m. 1 Joseph Fredrick Ice (1841-1913), had 7 issue, Robert Manuel, Cecilia, John Arthur, Mary Bertha, Joseph Francis, Amy and James L. Ice; m. 2 John Robert Greenwell (1851-1939), no issue. Pictured at right is Prudie.
6. John Louis Essex (1858-1947), m. 1 Theresa Ellen Thornsberry (1857-1888), had 2 issue, Annie A. and female Essex; m. 2 Mary Annie Worful (1874-1956), had 7 issue, Annie May, John Frank, Martin James, Robert Damon, Mary Nell, Paul A. and Veronica Sudie Essex.
7. Silas Jefferson "Jeff" Essex Sr. (1860-1944), m. 1 Ida Belle Duncan (1869-1904), had 7 issue, Benjamin, infant, Thomas Viella, William, Mary Agnes, Silas Jefferson Jr. and James Wilson Essex, m. 2 Sarah



Helen Wright (1880-1916), had 3 issue, infant, Rosa Helen, and Joseph Alfred Essex.

8. Amelia Essex (1863-1863), only lived 6 months.

9. Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex (1864-1951), m. Edward Alice "Ed" Downs (1860-1947), had 8 issue, defined on page 28.

10. Margaret Ellen Essex (1867-1899), m. Robert L. "Bob" Downs (1839-), nothing further is known.

Photos: Above are John (1858-1947), and Jeff Essex (1860-1944), with a Metcalf cousin. John and Jeff are sons of Mama's great grandparents, John Wesley Essex (1829-1886), and Nancy Ann Metcalf (1830-1910). This was also an old tin type of Mama's, now mine. At right, Prude Essex Ice Greenwell, our grandmother's sister.

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Photos: Below, sitting on the steps of the log home Mama was raised in, are from L to R, front row, a daughter, Mary Martha "May" Downs Bowman and a granddaughter, Praxie Downs Justice or Cassie Downs Yahn Morgan, middle row, Bettie and Ed Downs, back row, Cassie or Praxie Downs. This was Ed and Bettie's home place at Cedar Creek. To get there, though it's no longer standing, take Boston Road (Hwy 61) west out of Bardstown about 5 miles and left onto Bellwood Road (Hwy 733). Almost as soon as you turn on Bellwood Road, take a gravel road on your right (looks like a driveway), which goes back between 2 homes. Go all the way back, through an open gate. Today, you will only see several homes. This picture was taken at least a couple of years before Grandpa died (1947). Praxie and Cassie are sisters, the daughters of Ed's brother, James Elbert Downs (1855-1922). Many in Elbert's family including Praxie and Cassie lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. Pictured below are from left, Bill Downs, Ed and Bettie Downs. Bill was Ed's cousin and a good friend. Pictured below left, is a son of Praxie or Cassie. The horse could be old Wathy, but of that I'm not certain.



Ed's parents were John Valentine Downs (1815-ca 1888), and Eliza Nally (1816-1863). John was the son of Francis Exavier Downs (1787-1858), and his wife, Elizabeth Wimsett (1787- bef 1871). John was only married once, his wife being Eliza Nally (1816-1863), the daughter of Raphael Nally (1775-1853), and his 2nd wife Sarah "Sallie" Howard (1780/90-ca 1840). John and Eliza had 9 issue:

1. John Alexander Downs (ca 1838-1886), m. 1 Amanda M. Thomas (ca 1846-ca 1882), had 9 issue, Robert Lewis N. "Bob", William Horace, Amy Bell, Ida May, Ernest E. N., Sarah E. "Sallie", Eddie Katherine "Kate", Annie L., and Mary Florence Downs; m. 2 Mary Lucinda Metcalf (1861-1944), had 1 issue, Manda Downs.

2. Robert L. "Bob" Downs (ca 1839 -), m. Margaret Ellen Essex (1867-1899), she is buried in St. Catherine Cemetery at New Haven; nothing further is known.

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3. Saraphina Frances Downs (1941-1913), m. William Berdine Nalley (1840-1905), had 12 issue, Lucy Jane, William Shelton, John Sidney, Henry Edward, Alfred M., Annie Mary, Alice Belle, Amanda Kathrine "Katt", Catherine "Katie", Sallie Elizabeth, Eliza Etta and Mary Ludie A. Nalley.
4. Lucy Jane Downs (ca 1843-ca 1870), m. James W. Burke (1819-), nothing further is known.
5. Frances Kathleen "Kitty" Downs (1844-1911), m. John Francis Cissell (1838-1894), had 7 issue, Mary Jane, Amanda E., William Robert Crittenden, Lucian A., Edward Alfred, Joseph Kendrick "Ken" and Ralph Cissell.
6. Francis Raphael "Rafe" Downs (1848-1916), m. Mary Malinda "Polly Ann" Riggs (1844-1914), had 6 issue, James Monroe, John Richard, Lillian Calistus "Lillie", Henry Ed, Thomas Burdine and Francis Bernard Downs.
7. Sarah Jane Downs (1853-ca Oct 1900), never married, willed everything to her brother Ed.
8. James Elbert Downs (1855-1922), m. Emily Leona "Loney" Gootee (1865-1929), had 9 issue, Robert Kent, Bert Marcus, William Grover, James Horace, Earnest Joseph, Praxie L., Edward, William Jennings Bryan and Mary Cassie Downs.
9. Edward Alice "Ed" Downs (1860-1947), m. Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex (1864-1951), had 8 issue, defined on page 28. They children are also detailed below for those of whom I have pictures.



Photos: Above left, Steve Andrew Downs (1882-1942), s/o Ed and Bettie, with his family in ca 1930. Front row L to R, Dixie, Steve, Paul, back row, Dorothy, wife-Arlethey, Louise and Claude Downs. Above right, in ca 1919, are some of Steve's children, front row L to R, Dorothy, Estelle, Louise; back row, Lorraine and Bert Lee Downs. They lived near Fairfield, Nelson Co., Kentucky.

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Three of Ed and Elizabeth Ann "Bettie" Essex Downs' sons married three daughters of John Joshua "Josh" Downs (1861-1943), and Amanda Ann "Dixie" Downs (1865-1942). Steve's wife, Mary Arlethey Downs (1888-1976), was one of them. Steve and Arlethey had 12 issue, Estelle, Joseph Bert Lee, Elizabeth Loraine, Anna Belle, Mary Amanda, Mary Louise, Mary Dorothy E., James Claude, Joseph Jasper, Gladys Marie, Dixie Ann and Paul E. Downs. Also of interest is that Dixie Downs was a Downs by maiden name. She was the d/o William A. Downs (1821-ca 1865), and Mary Ann Donohoo (abt 1826-).

Photo: Wedding Photo of John Millard Downs (1884-1958), s/o Ed and Bettie, married Pearl Mariam



Downs (1886-1973), d/o Josh and Dixie Downs. Millard and Pearl had 8 issue, Mary Blanche, Anna Bertha, James Louis, Joshua Edward, Mary Evelyn, Anna Mildred, Mary Christine and John M. Downs. Pictured at left are Millard and Pearl seated on their wedding day, 28 Feb 1905.

Standing in the back are Millard's best man and brother, Steve Downs, and Pearl's sister and maid of honor, Mary Mea Downs. This photo was courtesy of Millard and Pearl's granddaughter, Ardella Hutchins Bowman. Millard was Mama's favorite uncle. Kindly, in late 1918, Millard and Pearl were willing to take the orphans, Mama and Elmer Downs. By that time Millard and Pearl had five children of their own. Instead, his parents took them. Late in life Steve's father, Ed Downs sold the farm and moved in with some of their children in rotation, eventually settling down with Millard Downs and Pearl.

Ed and Bettie's son, William Russell Downs (1889-1927), married Annie Lee Bowman (1889-1966), d/o Thomas Welch Bowman (1861-1928), and Lillian Ann Cash (1873-). Russell and Annie had 9 issue, Joseph Albertus "Bert", Elizabeth Aileen, William Virgil, Isaac Leo, Agnes Madelle, Mary Hazel, James Roy, Mary Nellie and Mary

Ethel Downs. Russell's obituary was published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Thursday, 7 Jul 1927, page 1: Russell Downs, 38, Died South Park; Buried Here. The body of Russell Downs, 38 years old, who died at his home at South Park, Kentucky, at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon was brought to Bardstown Wednesday morning for burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery, funeral services having been held that morning at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna Downs, he is survived by eight children, his parents and four brothers and one sister.



Photos: Above are four of Russell and Annie's children, from L to R, Bert, Aileen, Hazel and Nellie Downs.

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Photo: Raymond Virgil Downs (1892-1966), s/o Ed and Bettie, in WW I uniform. He married Mary Hugh Russell "Hudie" Downs (1899-1980), d/o of Josh and Dixie Downs. Raymond and Hudie had 6 issue:

1. James Desmond Downs (1917-1917).
2. Annie Opal Downs (1919-1967), m. Clarence Clavem Humphrey (1912-2000), had 12 issue, Thomas Leroy, Edgar Ray, Joseph E. B., Doris Ann, Karen Marie, Wanda Gail, Mary Paula, Clarence David, Cecilia Marlene, William Doug, Elizabeth and Claudis Humphrey.
3. Mary Virginia "Sissy" Downs (1920-2013), m. James Wesley Royalty (1916-1964), had 6 issue, Clarence Raymond, Mary Josephine, Joseph Edward, Theresa Ann, James Andrew and James Clarence Royalty. Sissy lived on Templin Ave. in Bardstown.
4. James Everett Downs (1922-2001), m. Mattie Juanita Beacham (1923-2007), had 7 issue, Janice Carol, Lawrence Nelson, James Raymond, Hudie Bell, Joyce Ann, Agnes Laverne and Charles Allen Downs. They lived at Deatsville, later moving to Plum Run Rd. in Nelson County.
5. Mary Agnes Downs (1925-2009), m. Charles Raisor (1918-1997), had 6 issue, Charles Thomas, William Edward, Brenda Faye, Daniel Raymond, Mary Elizabeth and Vicki Ann Raisor. They lived on Templin Ave. in Bardstown.
6. John Jasper "Jack" Downs (1926-2017), m. Barbara Ann "Bobbie" Walker (1930-2008), had 7 issue, Sharon Lynn, Thomas Raymond, James Leo, Hudi Ann, Joseph Larry, Mary Aline and Terrance Wayne Downs. They had a farm on Sullivan Lane in Nelson County.



Photo: Wedding photo of Mary Martha "May" Downs (1895-1991), d/o Ed and Bettie, m. John Wesley "Boss" Bowman (1889-1972), on 24 Oct 1914. Photo courtesy of Lori Case Hoffman. They had 7 issue:

1. James Olaf "Jake" Bowman (1915-2003), m. Mary Ethel "Marie" Snellen (1918-2000), had 15 issue, Agnes Lorene, John Edward "Johnny", Phillip Paul, Martha Laverne, Charles Anthony "Charlie", William Ray "Bill", Janice M. "Jan", Mary Louise, Joseph A. "Joe", Gregory Wayne "Greg", Mary Karen, Joseph Kevin, Danny S., Patrick Kelly and Laura Ellen Bowman.
2. Valdemar Patrick Woodrow "Pat" Bowman (1916-1986), m. Mary Viola Rhodes (1921-1986), had 6 issue, Betty Joyce, Judy F., Glenn E., Robert R., Ralph Ray and Crystal G. Bowman.
3. Agnes Bueford Olga Bowman (1918-2004), m. Emmett Rodman Fryrear Sr. (1909-1988), had 5 issue, Mary Agnes, Emmett Rodman "Rod" Jr., Shirley Marie, Ruby Laverne and Kenny Ray Fryrear.



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4. Herman Ural Bowman (1921-2006), m. Ermine Frances Coakley (1922-1967), had 2 issue, Brenda S. and Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Bowman; m. 2 Nina Price; nothing further is known.
5. Joseph Aubrey "Joe" Bowman (1922-2000), m. 1 unknown; m. 2 May Dell Huff (1924-2016), had 1 issue, Joseph Mark Bowman.
6. Paul Alvin Bowman (1924-2012), m. Beulah Bell Baker (1924-1999), had 3 issue, Paul Kenneth "Kenny", Linda C. and Doris Karen Bowman.
7. Calvin Houston "Red" Bowman (1927-1987), m. Alma Mary "Bitsie" Stander (1929-), had 2 issue, Kathleen and Kristie Bowman.

Photos: Right, May and hubby, Boss Bowman sharing a kiss on her parent's porch steps in the Cedar Creek section. Below are 6 of their 7 children and a daughter in law. From L to R, in baby chair is Jake, standing in yard is Bueford, who was Mama's best friend growing up together in the Cedar Creek section, then Herman in a dark suit, in front of outbuilding is Joe, headshot is Paul, Pat's wife Viola Rhodes, who was a one time girlfriend of Daddy's before he met Mama, and Calvin in his Navy outfit.



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Ed and Bettie's son, Francis Elam "Frank" Downs II (1903-1974), m. Mary Irene "Rener" Hutchins (1898-1984), had 1 issue:

1. James Edward "Ed" Downs (1924-2005), m. Lena Louise Baldwin (1925-1985), had 3 issue, James Elwood, Gloria Jean and Robert Edward "Bob" Downs.

Photos: Below Frank and his sister, May Downs Bowman; at right are Frank and his wife, Rener. Rener was Mama's favorite aunt. She taught Mama how to sew.



Joseph Powers (ca 1750-1998), m. Catherine Wathen (ca 1774/84-), d/o Richard Wathen (1729-1809), and had at least 3 issue, John F. "Jackie" Powers (1785-1865), Sylvester Powers (ca 1790-1859), and our ancestor, Walter M. Powers (ca 1792-1861).

Walter M. Powers m. 1 unk, had 2 issue, Caroline Lee Powers Downs (1807-aft 1880), and John "Jack" Powers; m. 2 Mary Ann "Polly" Noble (ca 1792-aft 1850), had 5 issue, Eliza Ann Powers Dewitt, Edward Powers, Matilda Powers Hardy, James Hardin Powers and Stephen Theodore Powers. Walter was a farmer and lived on Harrison Fork Rd., in Nelson Co., Kentucky. Though it is not proven, Mary Ann Noble might be a daughter of Nancy Noble (1760-), who married Jacob Decker (1756-1843), on 6 Oct 1812 in Nelson Co., Kentucky. If not a daughter, perhaps she is a sister of Nancy Noble. Jacob Decker signed the bond for Mary Ann Noble to marry. This indicates he was related in some manner and may have been her step-father.

James Hardin Powers (1824-1901), m. Rebecca Girdley (1823-1902), believed to be a d/o John Girdley. They had 3 issue, Mary Frances Powers Joseph Lloyd, James Henry Powers and Thomas C. Powers. Hardin and Rebecca are both buried in the Little Brick Cemetery near Boston, Nelson Co., Kentucky in unmarked graves. See list of Henry Powers' family defined on page 104.

Robert Stewart (1823-aft 1870), s/o John Stewart (ca 1795 PA-ca 1837), and his unknown wife, m. 1

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Lucinda Shepherd (ca 1829-bef 1860), had 4 issue, Henry Luke Stewart, Mary Ellen "Mollie" Stewart Powers, Charles Shepherd Stewart and Robert R. Stewart; m. 2 Mrs. Elizabeth Mainard (nee McIntire), no issue with her. As a widow, Elizabeth brought no children to the union. Robert was born in Fayette Co., PA. He moved often, showing up in PA, KY, OH, and TN. He was a coal miner. I lost track of Robert after the 1870 census in Danville Post Office, Dist. 11, Stewart Co., TN. His 1st wife and mother of his children, Lucinda Shepherd, died before he left Greenup Co., Kentucky. Aside from his daughter "Mollie" (our ancestor), the only other child of Robert's I have been able to trace is Henry Luke Stewart (1851-ca 1908). Henry married Margaret Lillie Banister (1860-1937), on 25 Jan 1880 in Lyon Co., Ky. and had 5 issue, Charles T. Stewart, Verdia Bell Stewart Murray, Samuel Standard Stewart, Ira Robert Stewart and Mary Elizabeth Stewart Gray.

John Stewart (ca 1795 PA-ca 1837), and an unknown wife, had 9 issue. To date, I can only name 4 of their children, Margaret Stewart Rankin (1823 PA-1862 PA), the wife of David C. Rankin, Robert Stewart (ca 1829 PA-aft 1870 maybe TN), Thomas Leonardo Stewart (1825 PA-1895 MO), and Lydia Jane Stewart McDowell (1832 PA-1900 PA), the wife of Andrew S. McDowell.

Lucinda Shepherd (ca 1829-ca 1860), was the d/o Charlton F. Shepherd (ca 1781-ca 1851), and Sarah Hoskinson (1802-). Charlton was the s/o of Bilbe Shepherd (1768-1812), and Rebecca Walker (1773-1810).

Francis Exavier Downs (1787-1858), was the son of John Downs (1762-1857), and Nancy Harper (-1833). John and Nancy had 4 issue, Benedict Downs, Francis Exavier Downs, Walter E. Downs and Matilda Downs Roberts, the wife of Charles Roberts. John was born in Maryland and died in Nelson Co., Kentucky. John was the son of Joseph Downs (1730-1803), born Richmond, England and died in Leonardtown, Maryland and his wife Anna Semms. Joseph left a will naming his children. Joseph and Anna had 9 issue, Ignatius Downs, John Downs, Mary Downs Seaton, Elizabeth Downs, Ann Downs Norris, Joseph Downs, Jeremiah Downs, Henrietta Downs Mackiney and Bernard Downs.

Francis Exavier Downs' wife, Elizabeth Wimsett (1787-bef 1871), d/o Raphael Wimsett (1754-), and Susanna Cissell (1760-1828), of MD and KY. Her sister, Teresa Wimsett (ca 1796-1869), married Francis Exavier's brother, Walter E. Downs (1791-ca 1869).

Thomas J. Brown (ca 1827-ca 1890), s/o James Brown (ca 1805- 1848), and Catherine Cunningham (1809-bef 1860), m. Nancy J. Noe (ca 1828-aft 1880), d/o James Samuel Noe (1802-bef 24 Oct 1870), and Mary Rhoda Hughes (1800-bef 1830). Thomas was a farmer and they lived at Mackville in Washington Co., Kentucky. Tragically, none of the children in this family grew old, dying in their 20's and 30's, with exception of Elizabeth Ellen "Ella" Brown Pinkston Lewis (1858-1951). Thomas and Nancy had 7 issue:

1. George Ann Brown Tatum (ca 1851-ca 1880), her spouse and issue are defined on page 8.
2. Elizabeth Catherine Brown (1852-bef 10 Jun 1880), m. Samuel Cooksey (1851-1930), no issue.
3. Mary Jane Brown (ca 1855-bef 10 Jun 1880), m. Joseph Nelson Prewit (1847-1911), had 3 issue, Emma J. Prewit, Samuel G. Prewit and Ida A. Prewit.
4. Elizabeth Ellen "Ella" Brown (1858-1941), her spouses and issue are defined on page 98.
5. Paralee Brown (ca 1859-bef 16 Jun 1880), nothing further is known.
6. Maggie Alice Brown Tatum (ca 1861-ca Mar 1883), her spouse and issue are defined on page 8.
7. John J. Brown (ca 1868-aft 16 Jun 1880), nothing further is known.

James Brown (ca 1805- 1848), s/o Henry Brown (ca 1777-1851), and Rebecca Noel (ca 1775-1850), m. Catherine Cunningham (1809-bef 1860), d/o William Cunningham and Mary Polly Pyrtle. James and Catherine lived in Washington Co., Kentucky and had 8 issue, Thomas J. Brown, William H. Brown, James L. Brown, Mary Jane Brown, Rebecca Frances Brown Rile, John Calvin Brown, Elizabeth M. Brown and

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Kitty Ann Brown.

Henry Brown (ca 1777-1851), s/o Henry Brown (-1814), m. Rebecca Noel (ca 1775-1850), d/o Thomas Noel (1741-1789), and Mary Drucilla Sellers (1743-1831). Henry and Rebecca had 10 issue, Henry Brown, Thomas Brown, James Brown, Sarah Brown Farr, William Brown, Elizabeth Brown Gibbins, John Wesley Brown, Nancy Brown Stephens, Stephen Brown and Edward Brown.

James Samuel Noe (1802-bef 24 Oct 1870), s/o James Noe Sr. (1761-bef 17 May 1856), and Martha Ann Waters (1777-1806), m. 1 Mary Roda Hughes (1800-bef 1830), had 4 issue, Susan Elizabeth Noe Jones (1822-aft 1880), James Gabriel Noe (ca 1823-1892/5), Harvey Noe (ca 1827-), and Nancy J. Noe Brown (ca 1828-aft Jun 1880); m. 2 Nancy Beadles (1807-), had 8 issue, Rhoda Noe McCormack (1834-1852), Sarah Ellen Noe Jones (1834-aft 1871), Joseph M. Noe (1837-1908), female Noe (ca 1836/40-), Drucilla Noe Black Foy McIvy (1839-1910), John Noe (1842-1890), William H. Noe (1843-1902), and Mary Noe Hayes (ca 1849-).

James Noe (1761-bef 17 May 1856), s/o Aquilla Noe Sr. (b. Scotland-), m.1 Martha Ann Waters (1777-1806), d/o Isaac Waters (-1815), and had 3 issue, Aquilla Waters Noe (1799-1800), Alexander Kell Noe (1800-1865), and James Samuel Noe (1802-24 Oct 1870); m.2 Eleanor McGinnis (ca 1785/90-), and had 8 issue, Nancy Noe (1807-), Thomas Henry Noe (1810-1880), Robert Noe (1812-1909), Sarah Noe (1812-), Eliza Noe Oster (1813-1884), James Noe Jr. (1815-), Mary Noe (1822-), and William Noe (1827-).

Aquilla Noe Sr. (born Scotland) had 3 known issue, John Noe, James Noe Sr. (1761-bef 17 May 1856), and Aquilla Noe Jr.

Nelson T. Shirley (1823-1871), s/o William Shirley (ca 1788-1864), and Roda Evans (1794-1854), m. Deborah "Debbie" May (1826-1871). They lived near Glen's Creek in Washington Co., Kentucky. Both Nelson and Debbie are buried in Glen's Creek Cemetery. They had 9 issue:

1. John William "J. W." Shirley (1847-1922), spouse and issue are defined on pages 96 and 96.
2. Elijah Gordon "Ligh" Shirley (1852-1905), m. Jane Ellen "Jennie" Phelps (1856-1925), and had 3 issue, May T., Cora, and Maud G. Shirley; Ligh found dead at foot of stairs in Oakland, CA, was likely murdered.
3. James Harrison Shirley (1855-1911), m. 1 Linnie C. Birch (1860-), had 1 issue, Walter Joseph Shirley; m. 2 Belle ____.
4. George William Shirley (1857-1937), m. 1 Nancy E. "Nanie" Leonard (1866-1913), had 10 issue, Robert Lee, William M., Effa, Clarence, J. M., Susan D., Blake, Margaret, May and Marthey Shirley.
5. Ann Shirley (1857-), did she die young?
6. Elizabeth J. "Bettie" Shirley (1859-1949), m. Sidney Green Kays (1856-1939), had 4 issue, Carl Lisle, James Nelson, Philip Thomas and Hester M. Kays.
7. Sarah Bell Shirley (1861-), when she was little she climbed on a mantel and it fell on her. She was never quite right after that.
8. Robert E. Lee "Bob" Shirley (1864-1954), m. Icy Louisa Myers (1860-1940), had 3 issue, Blanche D., Irl Blandford, and Ida Shirley.
9. Thomas P. "Tom" Shirley (1868-1946), m. Sallie Blake (1877-1956), had 4 issue, Lloyd N., Harold D., Ralph B. and Orville T. Shirley.

William May (-1845), m Hannah Thompson (-1850), on 2 Feb 1811 in Fayette Co., Ky. They may have lived in Mercer Co., Kentucky. They had 9 issue, James May (1812-), William Henry May (1813-1850), Elizabeth May (1815-), Sarah May (1817-), Emily May (1819-), Hannah May (1822-1847), Deborah "Debbie" May Shirley (1826-1871), John May (1829-), and Charles May (1831-1848).

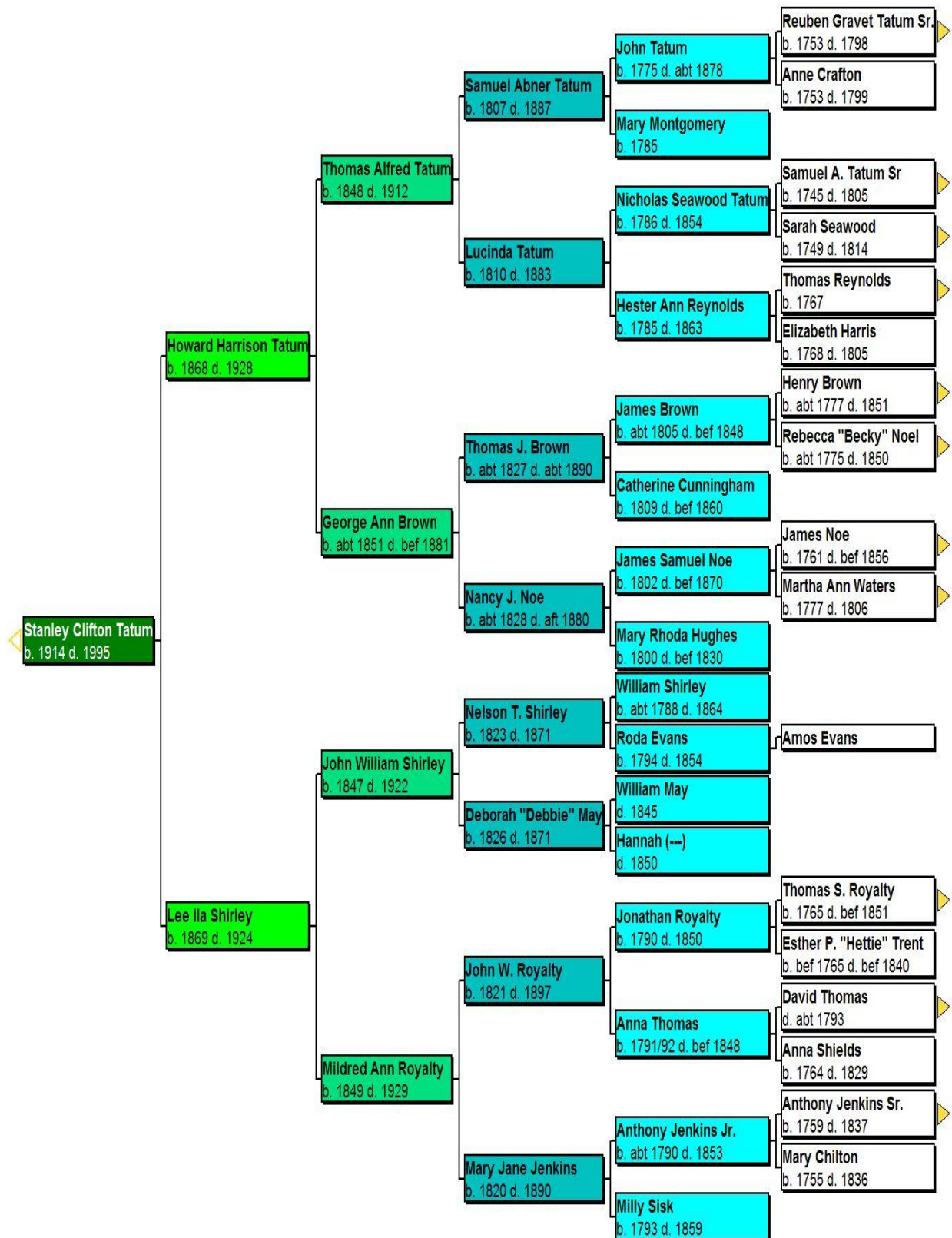
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William Shirley (ca 1788-1864), m. 1 Roda Evans (1794-1854), d/o Amos Evans, and had 5 issue, Nelson T. Shirley (1823-1871), James M. Shirley (1824-1897), Andrew Jackson Shirley (1827-1909), Joseph W. Evans Shirley (1830-1906), and Elijah Gordon Shirley (1831-1898).

Jonathan Royalty (1790-1850), m. 1 Anna Thomas (1791-1845), had 11 issue, Nancy Royalty Jenkins, Fanny Royalty Ellis, John W. Royalty, Mary Jane Royalty Masters, Enoch Thomas Royalty, Charlotte Royalty Pinkston, Ann Royalty Pinkston, Amanda Royalty McCray, Elisha Royalty, Elijah Royalty and an unknown female Royalty; m. 2 Mary "Polly" Cammack, who as probably a widow, no issue.

Anthony Jenkins Jr. (1790-1853), s/o Anthony Jenkins Sr. (1759-1837), and Mary Chilton (1755-1836), m. Milly Sisk (1793-1859), on 1 Dec 182 in Chesterfield Co., Virginia, had 9 issue, Matilda Ann Jenkins Deane, Elder Fielding Jenkins, Absalom Jenkins, Mary Jane Jenkins Royalty, Nancy Jenkins Johnson, Millie Jenkins Reed, Isabel Jenkins, Sarah "Sallie" Jenkins Brown and Helen Jenkins Disponett.

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The Geneva Prather, Ice Pick / Stone Hammer Murder

as told from Newspaper articles

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 9 Jun 1938, pages 1 and 12.

Mystery Shrouds G. W. Chapman Slaying

Court of Inquiry Seeks Clues in Brutal Murder Of Fiscal Court Member

Body of Farmer, Dairyman Found Early Tuesday on Loretto Road Near State Park

Blunt Weapon Believed Used

Mystery still shrouds the brutal slaying of George W. Chapman, 69, substantial farmer, dairyman and member of Fiscal Court, who was discovered, hacked to death early Tuesday on the Loretto road, within the shadow of My Old Kentucky Home.

The thickly wooded section around the spot, one mile and a half from Bardstown, was searched Wednesday in the hope of finding the weapon used for the murder.

Sheriff T. I. Royalty, in charge of the search, expressed the opinion that the section which extends along both sides of the road near the Old Kentucky Home golf course may have been the scene of the slaying and the victim's body later brought to the road and placed beside the automobile. Mr. Chapman's body and automobile were discovered on a side road, recently cut off by a fence, just off the Loretto highway. His farm was also scoured for clues.

Members of Mr. Chapman's family, colored employes and servants on his farm and several others were questioned Tuesday and Wednesday by a court of inquiry called by County Judge Wallace Brown and County Attorney Andrew Nichols. Interviewed by the court were Mr. Chapman's son-in-law, W. P. Prather; his granddaughter, Miss Elsie Prather; Mrs. James Warren, New Haven, who said she and Mr. Chapman were engaged to be married. The inquiry is continuing today.

"This case must be solved," County Attorney Nichols said at the inquiry. Investigators working on the case so far include Sheriff Royalty and his deputies and a detail of state Highway police under Sergt. Harry Sparrow and Sergt. Frank Almond.

Found By Ora Roberts

The body was found at 5:10 o'clock Tuesday morning by Ora Roberts, state highway employe, on his way to work. Roberts said he saw the car parked on the side road but drove past it. Identifying it as that belonging to Mr. Chapman, he backed up and saw the body lying by the car, his battered head on the running board and his glasses, one of the lens broken some four feet away. Roberts drove on to Bardstown, where he reported his discovery at Tom Pig's Cafe. State patrolmen and local police were summoned and returned with Roberts to the scene.

There were no blood stains on the automobile or on Chapman's clothing, Roberts said, and it was evident "he was hauled there in another car." Three doors of Mr. Chapman's automobile, two on the left side and one on the right, were open and the milk bottles in the rear of the car were in perfect order. A pipe was on the front seat of the auto.

Wearing a brown shirt, navy blue jacket and striped overalls when he was found, Mr. Chapman's tobacco pouch and knife were in his right hip pocket. His left front pocket of his overalls was turned inside out and his gold watch and a small red book he was said to carry with him were missing. Stuffed between his arm and hip was his brown felt hat.

Dead Several Hours

Dr. W. E. Crume, coroner, who held an inquest, said that Chapman had been dead from six to eight hours. The jury returned a verdict that he came to his death on June 6 or 7, 1938, being struck on the head by one or more hard instruments, causing his brains to come out of the wound and killing him instantly. One or more persons unknown to them, the jury said, committed the crime. Composing the jury were J. B. Bryant, Ora Roberts, Marion Seay, John Adams, Yulee Ritchie and Roy Ritchie. Dr. Crume said he plans to hold a further investigation.

It was apparent that Mr. Chapman was struck by a blunt instrument, Dr. Crume said, possibly a hatchet.

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The left side of his skull above the temple was mashed in, possibly from three or four blows, and there was evidence of a sharp lick on the back of his head.

Mrs. Prather said her father left home about 5 p.m. Monday after eating supper. Mrs. Warren told officers that he visited her in New Haven and left about 8:20. His movements after then are a mystery to the officers. Mrs. Maude Boone, who lives on the New Haven road, said she saw him returning from New Haven.

Officers said that Jimmie Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Conner, reported he saw three men standing by an automobile parked at the scene where the body was found about 11 p.m. Monday night. C. L. Ferrill, New Haven, a revenue agent at Louisville, reported he passed the spot about 10 p.m. and saw two automobiles parked at the spot, which is about three miles from the Chapman home.

Aiding in the investigation are John H. Beam, foreman of the grand jury, and Jailer Columbus Settles. State highway patrolman D. Leon Reynolds and Bernard Bowling were first to reach the scene after the body was first discovered and aided in taking fingerprint marks from the car.

Owner of Large Farm

Mr. Chapman, owner of a 290-acre farm, three miles, from Bardstown on the Springfield road, was a native of Mercer County, moving to Nelson County in January, 1920. He was born February 22, 1869. His wife, who was Miss Hannah McGohon, of Harrodsburg, died March 24, 1937.

He had recently become active in politics, having been elected Magistrate in District No. 2 in the November election.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. Prather and granddaughter, Miss Elsie Prather, he is survived by another granddaughter, Miss Lola Prather, who is attending school at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo.

Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the residence, Dr. W. H. Moody, pastor of the Bardstown Baptist Church officiating. The remains were taken to Harrodsburg for burial in the cemetery there.

Pallbearers were Judge Wallace Brown, Jailer Columbus Settles, County Clerk W. J. Roby, the four members of the Fiscal Court, Felix Ball, District No. 1; Logan Johnson, District No. 3; Howard Evans, District No. 4; J. M. Sweazy, District No. 5; and R. Lee Beeler, county road engineer.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 16 Jun 1938, pages 1 and 12.

Prather and Knott Plead Guilty, Get Life Terms

Son-in-law, Farm Hand Admit Slaying of George W. Chapman;

Start For Prison in Quick Move

Bulletin

Nelson County Circuit Court Room, 1:37 o'clock p.m. W. Clayton Prather and Robert Knott have just entered pleas of guilty to the murder of George Chapman and received sentences of life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Thus, within ten days after the murder of the Nelson County Magistrate, two of his murderers have been apprehended and convicted. Officials announce that the Court of Inquiry, which has been in session night and day since the crime, is continuing in Session for a further probe into the slaying.

Picture with caption reads, Two Sentenced For Chapman Slaying. Robert Knott, Negro, and W. Clayton Prather, two men at the left, sentenced on charges of murdering Magistrate George W. Chapman, farmer and dairyman of Nelson County. Others in the photo are George Blaydes, special investigator, and Sergt. Harry Sparrow, of the state highway patrol.

Returned from the Jefferson County jail where they were taken early Monday following their arrest, W. Clayton Prather, 43, and Robert Knott, Negro, 28, charged with the murder of George W. Chapman, were arraigned before Judge Will H. Fulton here Wednesday morning and their trial set for Tuesday, June 28. Indictments accusing both of wilful murder were returned Tuesday afternoon by the Nelson County grand jury.

Prather, who is being represented by attorney Ernest N. Fulton, and Knott were held without bond to

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await trial. Judge Fulton appointed attorneys W. R. Gentry and J. Smith Barlow, Jr., as counsel for the Negro. After arraignment, Knott was questioned by Commonwealth's Attorney M. O. Scott and County Attorney Andrew W. Nichols in the presence of the attorneys. Prather and Knott were then incarcerated in the Nelson County jail.

In a statement to George Blaydes, special investigator, and Lieut. John I. Messmer, of the Louisville Police Department, Knott alleged that Prather killed Mr. Chapman, member of the Nelson County fiscal court, with a stonehammer in the garage of the Chapman home. The Negro related that Prather awakened him in his cabin and told him to help him remove Chapman's body.

I can't do that," Knott said, adding that Prather said "I'll kill you if you don't go with me-just like I killed him."

Describes Moving The Body

Knott then described how they drove to the spot where the body was found and Prather shoved his father-in-law's body from the car. The Negro, according to Blaydes and Messmer, said that when they returned to the farm home after placing the body off the road near My Old Kentucky Home a third person "had a big fire in the stove, and was burning the sacks and things that were under Mr. Chapman's head." "Prather said to me, 'Whatever you do, don't ever mention this to nobody, or I'll kill you if you do,'" Knott said. He added that Prather told him the next morning that "if everything works out all right, I'll get you an automobile and see that you have a job as long as you live."

Dirt and rocks from the floor of the Chapman garage 70 feet from the farm house-were analyzed and a showing of blood was found.

Continuing their investigation Wednesday, Sheriff Royalty and state patrolmen announced they found a quantity of gravel, believed to be blood-stained, which had been taken from the garage where Chapman was killed. The gravel, they said, had been dumped in an outdoor toilet pit.

Extends Court Term

Judge Fulton will extend the regular session of Circuit Court for the trial June 28. Commonwealth's Attorney Scott will be aided in the prosecution by County Attorney Nichols, who has untiringly assisted in conducting investigations since a court of inquiry was instituted by County Judge Wallace Brown a week ago.

Continuous night sessions were held from Wednesday through Sunday in the court of inquiry. Sergt. Harry Sparrow, of the state highway patrol, has also done much work on the case, spending sleepless nights during the inquiry. Deputy Sheriff Artie O'Bryan and other state patrolmen have also aided in conducting the investigation.

The grand jury, of which John H. Beam is foreman, heard testimony by George S. Blaydes, special investigator for the county, who swore to the murder warrants Monday; Sergt. Sparrow; Sheriff T. I. Royalty and Judge Brown.

Warrants Sworn Monday

After an all-night conference, Blaydes swore to the warrants at daybreak Monday and Prather and Knott were arrested. Hasty arrangements were made by officers to take the prisoners to Louisville for keeping until arraignment Wednesday. The break in the investigation came early Monday morning after Knott, his wife, mother and brother, together with Mrs. Prather and her husband, who live with their two daughters at the Chapman home, were questioned.

Officers still detained Lilly Knott, Robert's mother; Sally, his wife; and George, his brother, for further questioning after Prather and the Negro had departed. Mrs. Prather returned home after being questioned for an hour. The Knott family was released later in the day.

Chapman, who came to Nelson County 18 years ago and bought a large farm on the Springfield Bardstown road, lived in a spacious farm house. As years passed he sold part of the acreage and began operating a dairy along with his farming.

Last Tuesday Ora Roberts, passing on his way to work, discovered his body on the Loretto road a short distance from My Old Kentucky Home, his head gashed and beaten by a weapon, alleged to be a stonehammer, but not yet discovered.

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Authorities believe he had been dead eight hours and, they surmised he had been killed, probably at home, and the body hauled two miles to the point of discovery. The night before he had been to New Haven to see Mrs. James Warren, a widow, to whom he was engaged.

The first bit of evidence that turned the eyes of the investigation toward the farm was the word of Mrs. Warren, who revealed to officers that Chapman had confided to her that threats had been made on his life by his relatives. She also said that the elderly Chapman had burned his will in her presence. There was other evidence given the court of inquiry that Chapman's relatives had objected to his courting the widow.

Planned To Sell Farm

Arrangements had been made it was disclosed, for a prospective purchaser of the Chapman farm to visit Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Prather on last Tuesday, the day Chapman was found murdered. Chapman "practically" had agreed, it was stated, to sell his interest in the farm. Mrs. Prather, the daughter, owned a minor interest in the farm.

The Chapman murder is one of the most heinous crimes committed in Nelson county since the murder of Charles Vance in 1923.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thursday, Jun 23, 1938, page 1.

Prather, Knott Begin Serving Life Terms at State Farm For Murder of George W. Chapman Formally Sentenced For Slaying Saturday Afternoon Inquiry Continues

W. Clayton Prather, 43, and Robert Knott, Negro, 28, began serving life sentences at the state penal farm at La Grange Monday for the murder of George W. Chapman, member of the Nelson County fiscal court and substantial farmer and dairyman.

Handcuffed, the son-in-law and farm hand of Esquire Chapman, with Fred Murphy, who was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison on a charge of rape, seemed undisturbed when brought from the Nelson County jail to the courthouse to await the trip to La Grange. They were taken to the prison farm by Deputy Sheriff Lovelace Bodine, Sergt. Harry Sparrow and E. B. Brown, of New Hope, special deputy, at 10 o'clock Monday morning."

Mrs. Prather did not visit her husband in the jail before he left but later in the morning took some clothing and articles he used while in jail to her home. Miss Elsie Prather visited her father that morning.

Papers Given To Sheriff

Prather and Knott entered pleas of guilty to the murder of Chapman Thursday afternoon and received life sentences in the state prison. They were formally sentenced by Judge W. H. Fulton Saturday afternoon and the commitment papers turned over to Sheriff T. I. Royalty.

Officers are continuing an investigation of the crime. Mrs. James Warren; the Magistrate's fiancée, told a reporter for the Standard Wednesday that she and Mr. Chapman planned to get their marriage license on June 7, the day he was found slain on the Loretto road, within the shadow of My Old Kentucky Home.

The trial of Prather and Knott had been set for June 28 by Judge Fulton when they were arraigned before him last Wednesday. Their confession of the murder brought sentences immediately, however.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 28 Jul 1938, page 1.

Warrant Charging Wilful Murder of Justice Chapman Issued Today For Arrest of Daughter, Mrs. W. C. Prather Officers Fail to Serve Papers When Informed Accused Not at Home Inquiry Wednesday

A warrant was issued at noon today by County Judge Wallace Brown, sworn to by George Blaydes, special investigator for Nelson County for the arrest of Mrs. W. Clayton Prather on a charge of wilful murder of her 69 year-old father, George W. Chapman, on the night of June 6.

Sheriff T. I. Royalty, accompanied by Deputy Lovelace Bodine, Blaydes and his two assistants, Jack

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Hillerich and Paul Morris, went to the Prather home at 1 p.m. today to serve the warrant but were informed that Mrs. Prather was not at home. Blaydes said that her automobile was not in the yard.

Following a court of inquiry Wednesday night conducted by Judge Brown and County Attorney Andrew Nichols, the issuing of the murder warrant resulted. Officers have been conducting a probe into the case ever since the slaying occurred.

Mrs. Prather's husband and Robert Knott, Negro farm hand, pleaded guilty to the brutal slaying of Chapman, substantial farmer and dairyman and member of the Nelson County Fiscal Court, on June 16 and were sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. They began serving their terms at the state penal farm at LaGrange on June 21.

Hacked to death, the body of Justice Chapman (was found near the Old) Kentucky Home State Park by Ora Roberts, state highway employe, on his way to work. In the inquiry which was held constantly for several days after the slaying, it was disclosed that Chapman was killed at the garage of his home and his body moved to the Loretto road, a mile from Bardstown.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 4 Aug 1938, page 1.

Mrs. Prather Held to Jury, Denied Bond Here Monday
Surrendered to Officers Friday After Warrant Issued Thursday
Is Granted Guard

Charged with participating in the murder of her father, George W. Chapman, 69, member of the Nelson County Fiscal Court and owner of a large farm and dairy, Mrs. Geneva Prather, 42, waived preliminary examination Monday afternoon and denied bond by County Judge Wallace Brown, to await action of the grand jury at the October term of circuit court.

The request of her attorney, Ernest N. Fulton, for a guard was upheld by Judge Brown. This move was over the protest of County Attorney Andrew W. Nichols, who declared "there is no extenuating circumstance in this case." He claimed "she is not entitled either to bond or guard." Assisting Mr. Fulton in the defense are Daugherty & Gentry, attorneys.

Later Monday it was decided that Mrs. Prather will stay in the residence of Jailer Columbus Settles, under his guard.

Witnesses Ready to Testify

The Commonwealth was prepared to introduce testimony in the crowded courtroom. Among the witnesses ready to testify were Mrs. James Warren, New Haven widow, to whom Mr. Chapman was reported engaged to marry at the time his battered body was found on a roadside near Bardstown on June 7, and Robert Knott, Negro farm hand, who was brought from the Oldham County prison farm by R. H. West, former Nelson County Sheriff, who is now a guard at the farm. He was returned to the penal farm after the hearing.

Seated with Mrs. Prather were her two daughters, Misses Lola and Elsie Prather. A crowd, estimated at 800, packed the courthouse. Every available space was taken and many were unable to get in.

The warrant for Mrs. Prather's arrest was sworn to Thursday, by George S. Blaydes, special investigator for the county, whose probe of the fatal bludgeoning of Justice Chapman the night of June 6, resulted in Mrs. Prather's husband, W. Clayton Prather, 43, and Robert Knott receiving life sentences in the penitentiary on guilty pleas.

Surrenders Friday Morning

Mrs. Prather surrendered to Sheriff T. I. Royalty Friday morning and a preliminary hearing was set for Monday afternoon at one o'clock by Judge Brown. She was kept in jail from Friday to Monday.

The body of Justice Chapman was exhumed at Harrodsburg Tuesday for an autopsy and was taken to an undertaking establishment there. Deputy Sheriff Robert Cull, of Mercer County, and Blaydes, in charge of the exhumation, declined to say if the autopsy had disclosed any additional evidence. The autopsy was performed by a Louisville Physician, Cull said.

Officials have been conducting an investigation since the Magistrate was found slain. Witnesses have been interviewed from time to time since Prather and Knott began serving their life terms on June 1.

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From statements made by Prather and Knott, officers learned that the Justice's body was moved from the garage at his home, where he was slain with a stone hammer, to the spot where it was found. The analysis of dirt from the garage floor, showing blood, and of stains in clothing, it was reported enabled investigator Blaydes to obtain a confession and "break" the case.

Knott, in his statement to investigator Blaydes and Paul Morris, special deputy, accused Mrs. Prather of burning evidence, including blood stained sacks from the garage; scrubbing blood and breaking the handle from the murder weapon and burning it in the stove.

Visited "Voodoo Operator"

Blades also learned that Mrs. Prather had visited a Negro "voodoo operator and fortune teller" in Louisville. Several employes at the farm told of these visits and the "voodoo operator" was interviewed by the court of inquiry.

Mrs. Prather was alleged to have remarked that she hoped something would happen to her father. When the Negro woman suggested prayer, Mrs. Prather was said to have rejected this as being "too slow." A "voodoo" suggestion that Mr. Chapman's footprints in the warm yard be dug up and turned upside down, as a means of bringing him bad luck, was carried out, according to the officers. Various other charms were tried in an effort to bring him misfortune, they learned.

Mrs. Prather was sole heir to her father's estate and was named executor under bond of \$2,000 following his death.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 13 Oct 1938, page 1.

Regular Term of Circuit Court To Begin October 24

Trials of Mrs. Prather, Charlie White to be Held During Term

Jury List Drawn

The regular October term of the Nelson Circuit Court will convene here on Monday, October 24, with Judge Will H. Fulton, the regular judge presiding.

Circuit Clerk James W. Arnold has opened the sealed envelope containing the names of persons from whom the grand and petit jurors will be selected for service at the October term.

The names of persons from whom the grand jurors will be selected are Ed Nalley, Clarence Hurst, Ben Newman, J. Robert Hughes, J. R. Gorin, Frank J. Brown, Orion Hill, (continues with long list of names).

Mrs. Prather Trial Set

The criminal docket, also is rather slim. The most widely known case is that of Mrs. Geneva Prather, charged with the murder of her father, the late Justice George W. Chapman, at the Chapman Prather place three miles from Bardstown on the Springfield pike on the night of June 6. The first step in the case to be considered by the circuit court will be the grand jury investigation. Mrs. Prather is confined in the jail residence under a guard, furnished at her expense.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 20 Oct 1938, page 1.

Circuit Court To Open Monday, Successor to Judge Fulton on Bench

Two trials on charges of murder will be held at the coming term of court. Mrs. Geneva Prather, charged with murder of her father, Justice George W. Chapman, and Charlie White, charged with the murder Everett Terrell, will be tried.....

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 27 Oct 1938, page 1.

Mrs. Prather Indicted by Grand Jury Wednesday

Trial of Case Set For November 2; Court Opens Monday Jones On Bench

An indictment against Mrs. Geneva Prather on two counts, wilful murder and aiding and abetting in the murder of her father, Justice George W. Chapman, was returned by the grand jury serving at the fall term of the Nelson Circuit Court here Wednesday morning. The trial of the case is set for Wed., November 2.

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W. Clayton Prather, her husband, and Robert Knott, Negro farm hand, confessed to the slaying and were given life terms in the State Reformatory at the June term of court. Knott was brought from the State penal farm at La Grange Tuesday as a witness before the grand jury in the investigation of the murder.

The regular October term of court convened here Monday with the new Judge Veachel H. Jones, of Glasgow, presiding. He was appointed to succeed Judge Will H. Fulton after Judge Fulton was named to the Court of Appeals. Judge Jones arrived early Monday, accompanied by Commonwealth's Attorney M. O. Scott, who with County Attorney A. W. Nichols has charge of the prosecution.

The grand and petit juries were empaneled, the grand jury instructed and the trial of cases began before noon of the first day. Judge Jones' instructions to the grand jury were forceful and covered the range of the most common and usual law violations.

The grand jury is composed of Chester Barnes, foreman; J. Robert Hughes, J. R. Gorin, Orion Hill, Willie Cheek, Oliver Gobin, George Leslie, Tom Byrns, Ira Parrish,

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Full Jury is Selected Today For Trial of Mrs. Prather on Charge of Murdering Father
Husband Serving Life, to Testify in Behalf of Wife at Hearing
20 State Witnesses

After attorneys had questioned 92 men as prospective jurors in the trial of Mrs. Geneva Prather, 42, charged with wilful murder and aiding and abetting her husband, W. Clayton Prather, in the slaying of her father, Justice George W. Chapman, nine Nelson County men sat in the jury box late Wednesday.

Another panel of 40 was summoned by Sheriff T. I. Royalty and the three remaining members of the jury were agreed upon early this afternoon. The nine jurors were remanded to the custody of Sheriff Royalty late Wednesday to remain under guard.

Jurors selected yesterday are Joe S. Smith, New Haven; Ben Stilwell, Nelsonville; M. J. Mahoney, New Haven; Ben Newman, Boston; N. G. Bricken, Bloomfield; M. S. Wimsatt, Nelsonville; Elwood Moore, Bloomfield; Malcolm Adams, Bloomfield; Sanford Cheatham, Chaplin. All are farmers except one who is a merchant.

The three selected today are Leonard Hicks, New Haven; W. W. Troutman, Boston; and Golden Harned, Boston. The jury was sworn in, witnesses called and the hearing begun this afternoon.

Witnesses were dismissed Wednesday by Judge V. H. Jones to appear at 11:30 a.m. All day yesterday was spent in trying to get the jury.

W. Clayton Prather and Robert Knott, Negro farm hand, the two chief witnesses, were brought to Bardstown Wednesday from the La Grange Prison Farm, where they are serving life sentences in the slaying, in the custody of Richard West, a prison farm guard.

Prather, Knott to Testify

Prather will testify in behalf of his wife. Knott will be a prosecution witness. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced without trial several days after Chapman was slain in the garage on his large farm three miles from Bardstown on the night of June 6.

Prather's two daughters greeted him tearfully when he was brought into the courtroom. Mrs. Prather was cordial but reserved.

Mrs. Prather was tense but dry eyed as the tentative selection of jurors was made Wednesday as her trial opened in Circuit Court here. She was seated at the counsel table with her two daughters, Lola, 22, and Elsie, 18. All three were neatly dressed in tailored suits. With her also were Ernest N. Fulton, chief defense attorney, Frank E. Daugherty, State Representative and former Attorney General, and W. R. Gentry, attorneys, assisting in the defense.

Assisting Commonwealth's Attorney M. O. Scott, Edmonton, are County Attorney Andrew W. Nichols and W. Clarke Otte, Louisville, engaged by the county as a special prosecutor.

The state contends that Mrs. Prather aided in planning the crime and helped conceal evidence after her father was beaten to death and his body dumped on a roadside near My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Mrs. Prather and her husband lived at the Chapman home.

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Twenty Witnesses For State

The twenty witnesses for the State include Dr. A. J. Miller, University of Louisville pathologist, who conducted an autopsy after exhumation of the body of Chapman several days after the slaying.

George S. Blaydes, special investigator for Nelson County, who uncovered evidence against Mrs. Prather and swore to a warrant for her arrest July 28, also is a commonwealth witness. Mrs. Jeff Warren, New Haven widow, to whom Chapman was reported to have been engaged, will testify for the State.

Blaydes went to Louisville last night with a capias for Mattie Clark, 52, blind Negro, "voodoo doctor," alleged to have been consulted by Mrs. Prather in an effort to bring "bad luck" upon her father. The Negro woman is sought as a witness for the State.

Except to announce that Prather will testify in his wife's behalf, defense attorneys have kept secret about their trial plans.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 10 Nov 1938, pages 1 and 3.

Mrs. Prather Given Life Term

For Complicity in Slaying of Father, George W. Chapman
Jury, Deliberating Less Than Hour, Returns Verdict Saturday
Retrial Plea Denied

Convicted of complicity in the murder of her father, George W. Chapman, farmer, dairyman and member of the Nelson County Fiscal Court, Mrs. Geneva Prather, 42, was given a life sentence here early Saturday in the Nelson Circuit Court. The jury received the case shortly before midnight and returned its verdict 27 minutes later.

Motion for a new trial for Mrs. Prather was denied Saturday by Judge V. H. Jones. She was remanded to Jailer Columbus Settles, in whose home she will live under guard until further plans are made by defense counsel.

In his argument for a new trial Chief Defense Counsel Ernest N. Fulton contended the court erred in not permitting Mrs. Prather's former husband, W. Clayton Prather, to take the stand in his former wife's behalf. Prather, who with Robert Knott, Negro farm hand, is serving a life sentence for the hammer slaying the night of June 6, was divorced by Mrs. Prather October 29, in the Jefferson County Circuit Court. Mr. Fulton also contended that the instructions to the jury were erroneous.

The Commonwealth asked the death sentence in final arguments. Friday night, claiming they had proved Mrs. Prather was "the originator of a plot to get her father out of the way," thus preventing his marriage to Mrs. Josephine Warren, New Haven widow.

"From time immemorial, greed has caused nations and races to perish and empires to fall," County Attorney Andrew W. Nichols said. "It was the self-same greed which caused the death of George W. Chapman. Considering the degree of guilt of the defendant and considering the enormity of the crime, it is our firm and solemn conviction that justice will be best served by a verdict of death."

Unemotional During Trial



Mrs. Geneva Prather in Court for Murder Hearing
Convicted of complicity in the slaying of her father, George W. Chapman, Mrs. Prather sat dry-eyed in the courtroom during her trial.

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Says "Master Mind of Plot"

"There sits the master mind of the whole rotten plot," Nichols said, pointing his finger at the pale thin-faced defendant, who sat with her two daughters, Elsie, 18, and Lola, 22. Mrs. Prather hung her head and dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief, she had been twisting around her fingers through the day.

Frank Daugherty, former Attorney General of Kentucky; W. R. Gentry, his law partner; and Mr. Fulton, all of defense counsel, attacked the testimony of the State's chief witness, Robert Knott, who Thursday described from the witness stand Mrs. Prather's part in the slaying.

They branded his testimony as impeachable and pointed out frequently that what he said before a grand jury, which indicted him and the defendant's former husband on murder charges, did not agree with his testimony at the trial. They pointed out that at the grand jury hearing he had said that he first saw Prather the night of the killing with a shotgun and that here on the witness stand he said it was a pistol.

To this, both Nichols and W. Clark Otte, Louisville, special prosecutor, who spoke for 56 minutes, replied that no human being is infallible, that the stenographer may have made an error during the grand jury's investigation and put down shotgun instead of gun.

The defense told the jury that if they believed all the testimony as presented in the court by Knott, then they must believe that he is innocent and should never have pleaded guilty to a murder charge.

On the grounds this is one false statement (referring to the weapon she saw in Prather's hand), must surely make all his testimony impeachable, the defense sought to discredit all Knott's testimony.

Claims Mind Diseased

Repeatedly the defense counsel told the jury that if it believed Mrs. Prather did all the things she is said to have done as a means of getting rid of her father, then it must believe that those were the acts of a diseased mind.

In reply, Otte said that it was not a diseased mind, but an obsession to prevent the possibility of dower rights in Chapman's contemplated marriage.

"She was afraid someone else was going to get his money," Otte said. In "desperation she sought out the medium and when that failed, nagged her husband into committing the deed."

M. O. Scott, Commonwealth's Attorney, brought the argument to a close, reiterating the things that had been brought out by Otte and Nichols.

Returned after the guilty verdict early Saturday to the home of Jailer Settles, which she occupied under guard during the trial, Mrs. Prather's steel nerves were reported broken. Mrs. Settles said she wept bitterly during the night and refused food except a glass of milk. Settles, following the advice of Fulton that Mrs. Prather is "a half-crazed woman," refused to permit anyone to see her.

Unperturbed Through Trial

Mrs. Prather had sat unperturbed through most of the trial, and had remained calm when the verdict was returned. Lola collapsed and her other daughter, Elsie, sobbing wildly was embraced and comforted by her mother.

Only twice during the trial did Mrs. Prather show emotion. Once was when Fulton in his closing argument referred to her "two poor daughters who would be left alone in the world" and the other time when Elsie broke down shortly thereafter.

Robert Knott, chief witness for the Commonwealth, sat on the stand for an hour and a half Thursday afternoon, relating his story of the hammer slaying.

He said he was aroused from bed about 9 p.m. on the night of June 6, and found Prather standing in the door with an automatic pistol in his hand.

"Help With the Body"

"Come on, he quoted Prather as saying, "I've just killed Mr. Chapman out there; it's something I've been wanting to do for a long time. You'll have to help me with the body."

The Negro said he at first refused, but that Prather threatened him and he went along unwillingly.

They made me help them with the body," Knott said, referring to Mr. and Mrs. Prather. He said that when they got to the garage, Mrs. Prather was there with some sacks in her hand, and that Chapman was lying on the ground, badly beaten on the head. Knott said he again tried to get away, but that Mrs. Prather

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told her husband to force him to help. A bloody hammer and an ice pick lay near the body, he said.

Knott said he grabbed Chapman by the feet and pulled him into the car. Mrs. Prather, he said, tucked some sacks under Chapman's head. Knott and Prather then drove out to the road; the Negro continued, rode for a short distance and stopped near My Old Kentucky Home, where the body was found next morning hanging partly out of the automobile.

Walked Home across Fields

The Negro said he started running as soon as the car stopped, that Prather caught up with him and that they walked across the field back to the Prather house. When they returned, he said, Mrs. Prather had a fire going in the house and was burning the bloody sacks. The Negro said he was told to take off his outer clothing so that no evidence might remain and that he did so. He said the weapon used to kill Chapman was also burned in the stove.

Mrs. Prather described the actual killing to him the following morning, he said, and said they used an ice pick "because he wasn't dying fast enough." She said the ice pick had been thrust into the brain. Knott said he saw the ice pick the following morning in a pan of water on the back porch of the Prather home.

When asked if Mrs. Prather had told him anything about a motive for wishing Mr. Chapman killed, Knott said she told him she did not wish her father to marry. Mrs. Josephine Warren, with whom Chapman had been going, contemplated marriage with him, it was brought out. Knott said Mrs. Prather had talked occasionally to him and had said she wanted her father out of the way to halt the marriage and thus prevent the transfer of his 290 acre farm to the widow.

Visits "Voodoo" Doctor

Referring to allegations that Mrs. Prather had gone to see a "voodoo" doctor in Louisville for advice and help, Knott said she came back to the farm one day, bored a hole in a tree, and put something in it. He said she explained to him it was a sort of charm, a spell of which would lock her father's bowels within nine days. On other occasions, the Negro said, he saw Mrs. Prather and her daughter, Elsie, turning over Chapman's footprints and that Mrs. Prather explained to him such action was supposed to bring on paralysis.

"She had asked me before if I knew any way she might get rid of him," Knott said. "She promised me a car and a home for life if I would do the job."

Dr. A. J. Miller, of the pathology department of the University of Louisville, testified that he examined the brain of Chapman and found that an ice pick or similar instrument had pierced it while there was still life. He showed photographs of the brain to illustrate that to the jury.

Paid Visits to "Medium"

Nanny Muir, Negro, 53, Bardstown told the jury she had accompanied Mrs. Prather to Louisville on two occasions to see a "medium" who she said was Mattie Clark, 130 W. Liberty. When asked if she meant a fortune teller, the witness said she meant "a medium-someone that's a natural born medium." She described Mattie as half blind and a hunchback. She said Mrs. Prather asked the medium if there was anything she could do to prevent the marriage. The medium, according to the Negro witness, said the marriage was inevitable. The witness said Mrs. Prather kept repeating that "something must be done; something must be done."

Charles Bell, a Bardstown school boy, was the next witness. He testified he had worked for the Prathers until a few weeks before the slaying and that on three occasions he had heard Mrs. Prather say "she would kill him before she would let that other woman come in and knock her out of a home." Later, the boy said, Mrs. Prather told him not to tell anybody when (what) he had heard.

Robert Downs, Louisville Negro, testified that Mrs. Prather came to him the latter part of May and asked if he wanted a job of killing her father. Downs said she told him the story of the impending marriage and said, "I've got a job for you to do. I want my father killed."

Downs said that when he turned down the offer, she added, "I thought you might like to make a hundred dollars or so."

Mrs. Warren was called to the stand during the day to tell about her intended marriage with Chapman.

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She said that they had planned to marry this year and that he had bought three acres, near Bardstown, on which they planned to build a home. She had discussed plans for the wedding with the Rev. James H. Willett, pastor of St. Catherine's Church, New Haven, she related.

Announcement that the Prathers are no longer husband and wife came when the defense placed Prather on the stand Friday. Otte objected on the grounds that a husband's testimony for or against his wife could not be used in a murder trial.

"Your Honor," Chief Defense Counsel Fulton said, "this man is not Mrs. Prather's husband."

With a sweeping gesture, Fulton took from his pocket a copy of an order issued October 29 in Jefferson Circuit Court by Judge R. P. Dietzman granting a divorce to Mrs. Prather on grounds of criminal conviction of Prather.

The turmoil created by Fulton's move caused Judge Jones to adjourn court for two hours, during which time he weighed arguments and opinions advanced by both sides as to Prather's competency as a witness.

Judge Jones ruled that anything Prather might say about events prior to the divorce would be considered incompetent.

As the afternoon session got under way, Judge Jones rendered a decision holding Prather an incompetent witness but for the purposes of the record, in case the defense might wish to appeal, Prather in chambers avowed what he would have said had he been allowed to take the stand.

Defense counsel advanced the theory that Mrs. Prather, who did not take the stand, may have been a victim of temporary insanity.

Watch Identified

Recalled to the stand as the first witness for the Commonwealth as court opened Friday, Mrs. Warren testified Chapman was wearing his watch when he bade her good night. There was no watch on Chapman's body when it was found, and it was brought out that it was found later in a dresser drawer at his home.

On a last minute decision before closing its case, the Commonwealth placed on the stand George Blaydes, Louisville, special investigator, who developed the case and who was being saved as a rebuttal witness. He exhibited to the jury an envelope full of crushed rock which appeared to have been marked with blood stains, taken from near the garage at the Chapman home. He also exhibited some hair, seemingly blood-stained, which also was found at the garage and which the State contended was from Chapman's head.

As the Commonwealth closed its case a defense motion by Fulton for peremptory acquittal of Mrs. Prather was overruled by Judge Jones. Fulton's argument that the defendant could not be convicted on the testimony of accomplices and that evidence by others was not sufficient to warrant conviction was opposed by Otte.

Dr. Jelsma Testifies

The first witness introduced by the defense was Dr. Franklin Jelsma, Louisville brain surgeon. His answer to a long hypothetical question on evidence of murder introduced by the State was that a person committing such a crime would be of unsound mind. He reminded the court, however, that he is not a psychiatrist and that the opinion he expressed was personal but not professional.

The usual procedure of placing the defendant on the stand first by the court so that Dr. Jelsma could return to Louisville, and Mrs. Prather's appearance as the second witness was precluded by placing Prather on the stand to reveal the divorce action.

Judge Wallace Brown, Sheriff T. I. Royalty and George Mann, local undertaker, also testified for the Commonwealth.

Along the lines of those asked Dr. Jelsma were the questions asked Dr. A. D. Steely, Bardstown, who said that he had studied mental diseases. In response to the same hypothetical question asked Dr. Jelsma, he said that in his opinion the defendant must have been of unsound mind to have done the things contained in the question.

On rebuttal the Commonwealth brought Dr. W. E. Crume, Nelson County Coroner and family physician for the Prathers, back to the stand. He testified that he saw Mrs. Prather just a few days before

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the slaying and that in his opinion she was of sound mind at that time.

Girls Not Called to Stand

Elsie and her sister, Lola, who was in Missouri studying music when her grandfather was slain, were spared listening to testimony of what the Commonwealth claims was a "cold-blooded patricide." The girls were sworn as defense witnesses and were excluded from the courtroom. They have been living at the farm since the tragedy and conducting the dairy business.

The courtroom was jammed to capacity from Thursday, when the jury was being selected through Friday night. Several times Judge Jones threatened to clear the courtroom if order was not maintained. Spectators found room wherever they could, on top of the clerk's wired off cage, on radiators, in windows, hallways and anterooms, crowding into every inch of room on the second floor of the building.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thursday, November 10, 1938, page 1.

Negro Arrested In Murder Case

Maude Livers, 50, Cook in Prather Home, Charged As Accessory

Maude Livers, 50, Negro woman, who testified in the murder trial of Mrs. Geneva Prather, was arrested here Saturday afternoon on a charge of being accessory before the fact in the slaying of George W. Chapman, dairy farmer. She waived examination and was placed in the Nelson County jail.

The Negro woman, cook in the Prather home, was accused by Robert Downs, Negro, Louisville, of attempting to persuade him to accept a \$100 offer of Mrs. Prather's to kill her father. Downs testified the Negro woman told him he was "a fool not to take the job." The cook, on the witness stand, denied any knowledge of the offer.

The warrant for her arrest was sworn to by George Blaydes, special investigator for Nelson County.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 17 Nov 1938, page 1.

Mrs. Prather To Appeal Her Case

Attorneys Contend Former Husband Should Have Testified at Trial

Ernest N. Fulton, chief counsel for Mrs. Geneva Prather, convicted at the fall term of the Nelson Circuit Court for complicity in the slaying of her father, George W. Chapman, said Wednesday that she will appeal her case. The appeal will be completed at the February term of court.

Attorneys for the defendant contend that W. Clayton Prather, her former husband, should have been allowed to testify and that other errors were made.

A motion for a new trial was over-ruled by Judge Veachel H. Jones here. If the Court of Appeals should reverse the decision made by Judge Jones, Mrs. Prather will be given another trial, which would not be held, however, until the June or October term of court next year.

Mrs. Prather will be taken to the new reformatory for women at Pine Bluff, Shelby County, to begin serving her life sentence but will be brought back here if a new trial is granted.

Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Ky.), Thurs., 24 Nov 1938, page 1.

Mrs. Prather Is Serving sentence

Leaves Saturday to Begin Life Term at State Reformatory

Mrs. Geneva Prather, convicted at the fall term of the Nelson Circuit Court of complicity in the slaying of her father, George W. Chapman, began serving a life sentence at the new State reformatory for women at Pine Bluff, Shelby County, Saturday.

She was taken from the residence of Jailer Columbus Settles, where she had been kept under guard since her arrest in July, to the penal institution Saturday morning by Sheriff T. I. Royalty and Mrs. Royalty. Before leaving, Mrs. Prather conferred with Ernest N. Fulton, chief defense counsel.

An appeal, on the grounds that her former husband, W. Clayton Prather should have been permitted to testify, and that other errors were made, will be completed at the February term of the Nelson Circuit Court. A new trial if granted by the court of appeal, would not take place until either the June or October term of court next year.

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Article published in The Kentucky Standard (Bardstown, Kentucky), Thurs., 25 Jan 1945, page1.

Mrs. Prather is Given Parole

Nelson Woman Sentenced To Life For Murder of Aged Father Released

Mrs. Geneva Prather, convicted in November, 1938, in Nelson Circuit Court for the hatchet-slaying of her father, George W. Chapman, member of the Nelson County Fiscal Court and well-to-do dairy farmer, was among 77 prisoners paroled from State prisons in December.

Mrs. Prather received a life sentence for her part in the most gruesome murder ever perpetrated in Nelson County and was sent to the State Reformatory for Women at Pine Bluff, Shelby County. Her husband, Clayton Prather, and Robert Knott, a Negro farm hand on the Chapman farm, also were sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the slaying. Knott was paroled several months ago.

Notes: Additional articles which could be looked at for those interested are

The Kentucky Standard of 29 Dec 1938, page 6, ad for sale of Chapman farm. Purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ballard.

The Kentucky Standard of 05 Jan 1939, page 6, ad for auction to occur on Tues. 10 Jan 1939, to sell all of the personal property on site at the Chapman farm.

The Kentucky Standard, 29 Dec 1938, page 7, ad with Geneva Prather, administratrix, of Geo. W. Chapman's estate.

The Kentucky Standard of Jan 12, 1939, page 1, "Record Crowd at Prather Auction, 4,000 People Attend Sale." "Prather (Mr. Prather) was brought from the prison farm at La Grange under guard to aid in conducting the sale".

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